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Building caring,
confident youth &
future leaders.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SLANT 45

One-hundred Camp Fire USA kids attended the SLANT 45 Kids Bowl Bash at the American Airlines Center. As a partner agency, Camp Fire USA kids and staff completed hundreds of service-learning hours on projects such as: food drives, clothing and coat drives, toy drives, and neighborhood clean-ups. Through service-learning children see that they can make an impact in the community and make a difference in the lives of those around them.

The highlights of last week's event were personal acknowledgements from former President George W. Bush, Roger Staubach and Daryl Johnston and musical performances by Jordin Sparks (*American Idol*) and Mitchel Musso (*Disney Channel*).



SLANT 45 (*Service Learning Adventures in North Texas*) is an education initiative designed by the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee and Big Thought around this region's first Super Bowl. The idea is for children to explore the idea that heroism and leadership aren't only characteristic of all-star athletes, but also creative, civic-minded citizens of all ages.

SLANT 45 participants were all asked to:

- Identify a problem and use their imaginations to conceptualize ways to help
- Design creative, innovative solutions to address the problem
- Recruit an adult "coach" to supervise the project
- Take action by converting those ideas into meaningful service-learning projects
- Reflect on the experience

SMU Athletes Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays

Ryan McCabe, Athletics Coordinator at SMU, contacted Camp Fire USA to discuss an Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays project to help a family in need.

Ryan and Camp Fire USA staff selected a family living in one of the low-income apartment communities where we offer our free programs. This family has six children supported by a single mom.

Over a period of just a couple of weeks SMU athletes collected nine large bags full of gifts and presented them to this very appreciative family.

Thank you to all of the SMU athletes and Ryan McCabe for making this an unforgettable holiday season!



Holiday Stockings

Thanks to Camp Fire USA staff, board members and donors! All of our Kids Club and Teens in Action kids received holiday stockings filled with gifts. Christmas is a difficult time of year as our programs are held in low-income apartment communities where families are struggling financially. Most of our kids do not get many holiday gifts because of their economic circumstances. Many sites distributed the stockings during their annual Christmas parties. The stockings brought lots of smiles and happiness to all the kids!



For more information on the Lone Star Council or about how you can get involved, please contact us at 214.824.1122 or info@campfireusadallas.org and visit our website at www.campfireusadallas.org.

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