

Sponsors make K-TOWN youths' Christmas merrier

More than 20 sponsors stepped up to make the holiday season merry and bright for the youth and families served by K-TOWN Youth Empowerment Network.



"The generosity and willingness of our sponsors to collaborate with us this holiday season has been amazing," said Project Director Belinda Jones. "Many of our families face struggles that make this time of year difficult for them. We are very grateful for the generosity of our community partners."

The Christmas program at K-TOWN matched youth with sponsors, ensuring that each youth received warm weather clothing, other necessities and some of their Christmas wishes. Thirty-three youth were served through the program this year.

Sponsors include the following organizations and individuals: First Farragut United Methodist Church, Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law, Knoxville's Community Development

Corporation (KCDC), St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, South College, Dean Cheryl Anderson, Brandon and Lia Ballentine, Matt and Erin Browne, Barbara and Rebecca Geitner, Sam and Krissy Graves, Jason and Jen Gray, Anthony and Sheena Guzik, Jeff and Becky Higdon, Sarah Long, Robert and Amanda McCulloch, Kraig and Cindy Phipps, Ann Pryor, Taylor Rumsey, Paul and Brenda Rumsey, Adam and Katherine Setliff and Jason and Amanda Titlow.

"K-TOWN is extremely appreciative of all that have sponsored K-TOWN youth and families," Jones said. "All of our sponsors have made a truly 'Merry' Christmas for our youth and families. Thanks so much for your compassion, support and gifts."



Knoxville's Community Development Corporation is one of more than 20 sponsors to provide Christmas gifts to K-TOWN's youth this holiday season. Pictured are left to right: (first row): Jerry Branch, Alvin Nance (President & CEO), Pat Hatchett and Pauline Hicks; (second row): Cathe Lee, Tiara Webb, Shana Love and Denise Jaqua-Houston; (third row): Debbie Taylor-Allen, Maggie Fulton, Art Cate (COO) and Ashley Ogle; (fourth row): Terri Evans, Kim Tame and Kelia West; and (fifth row): Terry McKee, Jack Canada and Kim Clark. KCDC employees who contributed to the Christmas program, but are not pictured include Stacey Ayres, Karen Crigger, Tracee Pross, Jennifer Bell and Kim Mills.



Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law students Elizabeth Green, Rick Owens and Brittany Godsey collected gifts for 32 youth enrolled in K-TOWN Youth Empowerment Network's services. LMU is one of more than 20 sponsors to help make the youth's Christmas merry this year.



South College collected gifts for eight of K-TOWN Youth Empowerment Network's youth this holiday season. South College is one of more than 20 sponsors to help this year.