

# SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

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The Promises2Kids "Give From Your Heart Holiday Gift Drive" will collect gifts for foster kids for the holidays.

"Foster children struggle even in the best of times. These past few years have been particularly hard on them, as well as the foster families with whom they live. We want to make sure that these kids who have been dealt a difficult hand early in life are able to enjoy the things that other kids enjoy during the holidays," says Susan Golding, CEO and president, Promises2Kids.

Promises2Kids' Give From Your Heart Holiday Gift Drive starts on Nov. 22 and ends at a live drive from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at Walmart in Kearny Mesa.

Promises2Kids asks for help from San Diegans to donate a new, unwrapped gift at one of the 300 collection bins that will be stationed throughout the county.

The organization seeks to exceed the 13,000 gifts that were collected during the 2009 drive. The gifts will be

distributed to more than 40 partner organizations including the Polinsky Children's Center, Mary's House Transitional Housing Program, local foster homes and group homes.

Volunteers are still needed. Contact Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator Laurie Spears at 858-427-1112.

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