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LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Sullivan College of Technology and Design (SCTD) hosted a Christmas party on Dec. 17th for the families at the Center of Hope, a transitional housing complex managed by the Salvation Army in downtown Louisville.

Each year, SCTD receives a list of children who live at the Center, who are part of the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree. Several students, faculty, and staff at SCTD picked among 35 children for whom they provided Christmas presents.

“The joy of giving back to your community is immeasurable,” said SCTD Executive Director Chris Ernst. “Providing gifts for some very needy and deserving children during the holidays is another way some of the members of the faculty, staff, and student body try to support and positively impact the community.”

KFC donated food for the party and SCTD provided the entertainment. Parents and children participated in Christmas craft tables, magic shows, sing-alongs, and games. Santa Claus made a special appearance and handed out wrapped gifts to the children.

SCTD has been working with the Center of Hope for four years. In 2010, SCTD volunteered for a service project at the Center of Hope and raised funds to renovate the residence and outside.
areas. Since then, SCTD has been instrumental in providing other resources for the center. They have conducted blanket and coat drives, held awareness candlelight ceremonies, replaced air conditioners and industrial washer dryers, and have supplied the center with many other items, such as toiletries and towels.

“SCTD has a long history of service to others. We want to give back to the community in as many ways as we can. But these efforts also serve as an instructional tool for our students.” said Dr. Sheree Koppel, Academic Dean of SCTD. “Participating in community service helps our students see that they can have an effect and it gives them real-world experience,” she said.

“Each and every faculty, staff and student has benefitted from working with the Center of Hope.”

“We gain the perspective of knowing how much we have and how to be thankful every minute for our bounty. The plight of these individuals and families that leads them to the Center touches all of our hearts. What we do for them is appreciated and that keeps us engaged.”

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