Back in the fall, Sullivan College of Technology and Design (SCTD) students, faculty and staff worked on several holiday activities for the Louisville Salvation Army. It all started with a bath towel drive for the men at the Center of Hope. Through donations, SCTD was able to supply more than 130 towels for the men to use when they come to the center for the night.

After Thanksgiving, the SCTD SkillsUSA organization collected scarves, hats, gloves and mittens for the Center of Hope. Several individuals knitted scarves throughout the entire year to donate to this cause. The school was able to provide well over 200 items.

Their next project was a fundraiser for the Angels, children who live in the Transitional Housing Division. Transitional housing consists of single adult families who live in apartments at the Salvation Army. The adult must work and the children must be in daycare or school. The families are taught skills such as budgeting, nutrition and job skills necessary to transition to an apartment on their own. On the evening of December 13, SCTD hosted a Christmas party for the Angels and their parents. There was food, entertainment and, of course, presents!

SCTD invited students in Spencerian College's Massage Therapy program to join in the festivities and offer the parents massages during the Christmas party. Cindy Harrison, a licensed hair stylist, also provided haircuts and manicures for the parents. Ashton Robertson, daughter of Computer Graphic Design (CGD) student Tricia Robertson, baked and decorated over 100 mini cupcakes to be served at the party. Jim Harris, father of CGD graduate Leanne Harris, and his assistant kicked off the evening with a magic show, thrilling all ages with their performance.
The culmination of the festivities occurred when Santa Clause made a special visit to see the children. He passed out presents to the children and listened to their Christmas wishes. As all the children opened their presents, smiles, giggles and happiness spread through the room. Then, as all the families left for the evening, parents and children received goodie bags with items that the Sullivan Alumni Relations office provided, including water bottles, chapstick, stress balls and hand sanitizer.

SCTD learned an important lesson that teaching students to help others who aren’t as fortunate is just as important as teaching college courses. SCTD is proud of all the donations and volunteers who made all these events possible.

Photo Caption: Graphic Design Instructor Diana Stewart, SCTD grad Allison Niemann, Dawn Niemann, and Graphic Design and Dynamic Web Development Department Chair Craig Niemann.