



Toy Drive

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Driving question:

- How can I help kids in Maui improve their educational and social wellness/joy?
- This driving question was led by my goal of creating a charity with KCS being a host for the project.



Mentors:

- Cpt. Steven the director of Salvation Army. He has many years of experience with the toy drive and different high school students on Maui.
- My job is to coordinate and deliver the donations to the local Salvation Chapter along with promotion of the project.



Argumentative essay:

What is a toy for a child?

There are many things that can classify or tell a human, the skin, eyes, the two feet, or the two arms, but what is a human after all? The human is a thing that can read, speak, walk, and talk. A human is the most fragile thing in this universe. An adult stage of this creature seems to be strong and unbeatable, but at the same time can be cut by a small pebble. And if we take a human child it may seem that it is fragile, and it truly is. A child can be hurt very easily even just by tripping it can fall and get hurt. Over history, people had conquered land and fought many unforgettable and bloody wars that are still remembered up to this day, but at the same time, those warriors and warlords can die by a small cut of the same dirty pebble if not taken care of. A child is even more fragile, it's like a glass of wine, once broken cannot be repaired. Toys for children are like the golden ticket, they provide them with the necessary skills in order to be successful and profound in the adult stage. For young children, though, there's a great deal to be said for allowing them, as much as possible, to explore the non-digital versions of blocks, puzzles, fingerpaints, and all the rest of the toys that offer tactile and fine motor experiences.

The Claim of my essay is that children require toys for mental growth and physical growth.

- The insights of my research conducted that children have a better growth in learning, education, creativity.
- The evidence is provided by different research institutes and research facilities in terms of how a baby or even a toddler grows better with toys.
- Toys help children it sensorimotor, social and physical skill of a child.



Project Vision and Proposal:

- My goal would be to create a toy drive for the holidays by November 15th. In the following goal; establish connections with the local charities such as Salvation Army and a school. In addition, establish a connection between the two organizations of a local school and the Salvation Army for the toy drive.

Phase 1: Plan and it's execution.



To proceed in the goal, the following steps will have to be taken;

- Contacting the Salvation Army, held a meeting with the local administrators of the Salvation Army and a school, develop an intriguing contest to bring and hold the attention of the students and the members of the school.
- During the process and before the toy drive, legal actions must be taken, such as the liability form from the Salvation Army and different requirements the hosting school might have for the liability.



The work for every week:

- All the preparation must be done before November 15th, when the Toy Drive will start. Everything must be packed by the end of the day on December 11th.
- Every week on the last day of school (Friday), the toys must be collected and delivered to the Salvation Army. Every toy and donation must be stored in a safe location with restricted access to faculty only.
- There must be preparations to ensure the safety of the toys from being stolen and damaged by the students.

Phase 2: Project execution and delivering.



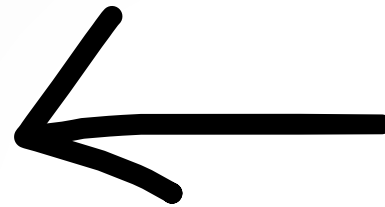
The second phase of this project is to do the following:

- Take the toys and redeliver them to the S.A.
- Record information from the donation(s) for the Advisory Challenge.
- Report to Ms. Federoff & Cpt. Steven weekly results.
- Provide an interview to KCNN + Create a Script for KCNN team.
- Provide more tags from the Salvation Army.

Phase 3: The Prize Delivery



- The final stage of the project requires the following;
- Writeup the final report and production and delivery of the mystery prizes.



The Mystery Prize

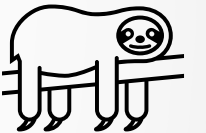
The winning advisories were:

- **Elementary School: Ms. Karen**
- **Middle School: Mr. Holmgreen**
- **High School: Ms. Shirkodai**

Project Reflection:



- This Project has proven to me how vital it is to use a growth mindset through the different challenges such as regulation of the toys and the projects.
- My time management skills had been challenged during this project, it required a lot of dedication and discipline for all the documentation to be on time.
- From the experience I gained patience, it took time to wait and regulate all the documents for the projects. I gained time management skills due to that project required dedication and discipline for all the children to receive the gifts on time.
- There will be many different concerns since Salvation Army is an organization requiring the proper documentation when working with any other organizations such as KCS.



Takeaways for your Future:



- The lessons of this project were to self discipline, which will help me in the future will help me manage and organize projects like this one.
- In the future I plan to organize similar projects which will help my local community in the times of need.

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Aloha KCS community and staff,

The times may seem now rather harsh and uncertain, but the will to help people in need will keep humanity moving forward. Your help to the project will not be forgotten, it may seem small, but it offered someone a holiday at their door. It may seem that times like now are endless and are unforgiving, but we as people shall keep moving forward, no matter what the future may bring us, with the goodwill to help people anything would be possible. May the new year be a better one for us all.

Happy New Year,

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