

"More of the Best of the Valley"

St. Vincent de Paul in Derby helps to brighten Christmas for needy

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DERBY - It was a generous Christmas at St. Vincent De Paul Helping Hands of the Valley Thrift Shoppe and Food Bank at 237 Roosevelt Drive.

Director Sandi Baillie said the nonprofit gave out more than \$161,000 worth of food and gifts for Christmas, thanks to the generous donations of local businesses, organizations, and individuals.



For this Holiday, St. Vincent de Paul distributed food, gifts to 123 Valley families



All was quiet inside the thrift shoppe Dec. 22, which was closed before the holiday distribution.



Volunteers strike a pose as they wait to give out bags of groceries, frozen turkeys, and gallons of milk.



Kudos to Jim Guarrera, an owner of Carey & Guarrera Real Estate in Shelton, for once again getting staff and friends to help with the distribution.



Families receive age and gender-appropriate gifts based on wish lists they submit to the organization.

See more at the Valley-Voice CT Blog:
<http://thevalley-voicect.blogspot.com/2016/01/st-vincent-de-paul-in-derby-helps-to.html?spref=fb>