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Santa's Helpers Needed to Build Toys for Local Homeless Kids
The Sawdust Shop Hosts Workshops to Benefit California Santa Project

Sunnyvale, CA – November 14, 2005 – Calling all elves: if you are looking for a creative way to give back to the community this holiday season, why not consider participating in a woodworking Santa's toyshop of sorts. The Sawdust Shop, Sunnyvale's unique, full-service, do-it-yourself woodworking center, needs your help to build toys to give to local homeless children for Christmas.

"With just more than a month remaining until Christmas, we need as many volunteers as possible to help build toys and make the holidays merry for these kids," said Craig Colvin, owner of The Sawdust Shop he opened nearly six months ago in Sunnyvale. "We are hoping for scouts, parents and families to participate in the festive community service program."

Everyone is encouraged to spend a Sunday afternoon at The Sawdust Shop building toys, including Boy Scouts, Venturers, Cub Scouts and their adult partners looking for troop activities to do-good in the community. All supplies and tools are provided for participants who are asked to come ready to drill, sand and assemble, explained Colvin. The completed toys will benefit the California Santa Project, a local organization created eight years ago to partner area businesses and resources to provide toys for kids of all ages in homeless shelters throughout San Jose. Over the years the program has grown, due to the tremendous support of the community, and now some 300 toys are presented to kids each Christmas.

From board games like checkers and Walk the Ball, to helicopters, jet airplanes, tow trucks, grasshoppers and ducks, the wooden toys are durable and safe, and are appreciated by the youngsters who receive them. For the volunteers building the toys, the process is equally as rewarding.

Santa's workshops will be held on Sundays November 20, 27 and December 4 from 10 AM to 7 PM at The Sawdust Shop, 452 Oakmead Parkway in Sunnyvale. Group and individual reservations are required in advance by calling the shop at 408.992.1004. For information about the California Santa Project, visit

www.californiasanta.com. For more about The Sawdust Shop, go to www.sawdustshop.com.

The Sawdust Shop

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, California, The Sawdust Shop is an independently-owned and operated full-service woodworking center. Opened in June 2005 to serve the surrounding community, The Sawdust Shop is a unique concept combining woodworking education and retail supplies. Offering woodworking classes, a do-it-yourself woodshop, and a comprehensive woodworking store, The Sawdust Shop plans to become a franchise operation in the near future. For information, call 408.992.1004 or visit www.sawdustshop.com.

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