

This Christmas season the *Per Niente Club*, surprised six families (21 children) with gifts ranging from toys, clothes and gift cards for Tops supermarket. The children are from impoverished Westside families. Their names were provided to us by Joan Crosby (a *Per Niente* member and teacher at School 36).

On the morning of December 20th, Santa Claus Maggiore and his helpers Bob Mangano, Jack Gullo, Vince Scime, Joe DiLeo and Sue Maggiore visited School 36 to present the gifts to the students whose eyes sparkled with excitement. Santa then visited several classrooms and distributed candy canes to the delighted children. This wondrous act of giving helps to put Christmas into perspective. Seeing the joy in the eyes of the children and the tears in the eyes of the adults made this a memorable experience. We were all moved by the excitement generated by these children. It was an exhilarating morning made possible by you.

At the end of the year we deplete our Sunshine Fund and supplement it with the Christmas Fund. The Christmas Fund consists of special donations from our member who want to help those that are less fortunate than us.

The combination of both funds generated over \$2000. A special thanks is extended to all who generously contributed to the Christmas Fund. Also, thanks to Joan Crosby and Toni DiLeo for taking time from their busy schedule to do the shopping and wrap the gifts.

We are a group of friends that support each other and help out those who can use a little assistance. For this we want nothing in return. We do it for *per niente!*

Joe DiLeo



Sal Maggiore, aka Santa Claus, delivering gifts to children at School 36

