

**Who: Hope Through Education (H.T.E)**  
**What: Project Touch - Blankets for the Homeless**  
**Where: Vista Murrieta High School, Murrieta, CA**  
**When: Event held January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Hope Through Education won't be the same after teaming up with 49 enthusiastic teenagers from Vista Murrieta High School Golden Alliance to make fleece blankets for the homeless. We had three goals for this project. The first was to bring more awareness to the challenges that homeless people face in our community. The second was to make 40 blankets in two hours and the third was to have fun doing it!

With a total of 57 volunteers, 188 yards of material, a dozen pair of scissors, 10 extra-large pizzas and some instructions, the blanket knotting extravaganza got started. The kids broke into small groups to formulate their plans. The most challenging part of the day was making a group decision on what colors and patterns would be used. Because each blanket had two sides and there were over 20 different colors to choose from, the choices were endless!

Each volunteer worked hard and had a positive and giving attitude throughout the whole project. This is not something new for the Golden Alliance kids. Each student must have 40 hours of community service in order to graduate from Vista Murrieta High School. This project got each of them two hours closer to their goal.

All the volunteers, young and old, had a great time working together. When the two hours were up, we realized that we had exceeded our goal of making 40 blankets. Our final count was 47 blankets!

Before the kids left, we challenged them to think of ways we could all get together again to help others in our community. A special thanks from Hope Through Education goes to Mr. Craig Lobnow (President – VMHS Band Boosters). Mr. Lobnow got the word out about this event to all the students. Great turn out!

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the 47 blankets were donated to a homeless advocacy group called Project Touch which is located in Menifee California. Terry from Project Touch was very grateful for the donation. She told us that 47 people are going to be warmer this winter because of the efforts of each of the 57 volunteers.

**H.T.E. ~ Vision Invest in people's lives with education and sustaining projects for a brighter tomorrow**

**H.T.E. ~ Mission to provide education and basic necessities for the betterment of humanity.**

Go to Hope Through Education website, and check out this event's pictures @ [www.hopethroughedu.org](http://www.hopethroughedu.org).

## PROJECT TOUCH -

A wonderful is a wonderful ministry originating out of Rancho Church in Temecula.

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