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**Irish You a Merry Christmas**

*The Irish Outreach Center hosts Virtual Celebration*

**Imperial Beach, CA** – On Saturday, December 12, 2020, the Irish Outreach Center of San Diego hosted Irish You a Merry Christmas with deliveries to South Bay families throughout the District. Irish You a Merry Christmas is an annual charitable initiative with the purpose of bringing festive cheer to children in need in the San Diego community. This is the third year that South Bay has hosted this event. In 2018, the celebration was at the Bayside STEAM Academy, and in 2019, Mendoza School hosted the onsite event.

The no-contact deliveries included toys, sports equipment, clothing, food, bicycles, and a holiday meal for all members of the household. All children were also given a wrapped gift to give to a friend.

Irish You a Merry Christmas was sponsored by The Irish Outreach Center, Setanta Men's Gaelic Football Club, Na Fianna Ladies Gaelic Football Club, St. Peters Men's Hurling Club, San Diego Youths GAA Club, Urban Plates, State Farm, McMahon Steel Company, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Taoglas Antenna Solutions, My Lineage, and Corporate Helicopters.

Thank you to the Irish Outreach Center, the event sponsors, the generous donors, and the amazing team of volunteers for bringing this event to South Bay!

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**About the Irish Outreach Center**
The Irish Outreach Center San Diego is a vibrant, multi-service center focused on assisting Irish citizens, those of Irish ancestry, and Irish visitors. Established in 1999, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serves the Irish community in San Diego and throughout Southern California. The regional member center of the Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers (CIIC) and is officially recognized by the Irish Consulate in San Francisco. Works with many local entities to insure the Irish are welcomed, supported in the community, and their interests and rich cultural heritage are promoted within the region. Particularly focused on assisting new arrivals and the vulnerable and elderly in the Irish community.

**About the South Bay Union School District:**
The award winning South Bay Union School District proudly serves over 7,500 students in Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, and south San Diego. The District is comprised of twelve campuses, including nine K-6 schools, two K-8 charter schools, and one Preschool. South Bay offers several specialized programs including Dual Language, Instrumental Music, Leader in Me, Global Leadership and Empowerment, No Excuses University, Visual and Performing Arts, and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy.