



**Welcome to information page for the
2024 9th Annual Operation Pilot Wheel | Adopt a Pilot
* 12/17 GOAL ACHIEVED ***

**32 BHS Students and 167 of their family members
4 WPE Students and 14 of their family members have all been adopted !**



This Christmas, you Captains and Community members all came together to make a difference in the lives of 32 Banning High School students and their 167 family members, as well as 4 Wilmington Park Elementary students and their 14 family members who are in need. By adopting a family, you brought warmth, joy, and love to their holiday season.

Additionally, we would like to thank Olga Gonzalez and Veronica Martin from the BHS Parent Center. We were able to serve 15 Banning students and 45 family members, along with Johana Rendon and 4 Wilmington Park Elementary students and 6 family members, thanks to collaboration with the ILWU Annual Christmas Party.

Finally, we extend our gratitude to Cindy (Tootsie) Guerrero for the toy donations, Erick R. Ojeda Garcia, Wilmington Honorary Mayor, and APM Terminal 400 Los Angeles for the abundance of rollover food from GET STUFFED BOX and TO GO BOX.

We also acknowledge Banning High School, Banning H.S. CP Magnet, Banning H.S. ASB Leadership, and Banning H.S. Culinary Program for their contributions to the Pennies for Presents, as well as for providing socks and toiletries and volunteering their time. Special thanks to Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Osorio for running this campaign, Aldo Vargas (ASB CAL) Jaziel Galindo for volunteering, and Principal Adela Retana for allowing us to serve the needs of students and their families so they may thrive at school and home.

How You Did It:

- **You provided gifts and food for children to open on Christmas morning.**
- **You contributed to their holiday meal, which brings everyone together.**
- **You shared essentials that make their day-to-day lives just a bit easier.**

Whether you participated as an individual, family, or group, every contribution—every repost, email, text, and word of mouth, whether big or small—created a lasting memory of this journey and made this season brighter. Together, we ensured that no one will be forgotten this Christmas.

You all turned the spirit of giving into a beautiful reality. Again, thank you all for making this holiday season magical for someone in need.

**#AdoptAFamily #HolidayGiving #SpreadJoy #AchieveTheNeed #FulfillTheNeed
#ANeedInWilmington #AffectionForWilmington #LoveForWilmington**

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say thank you to all of you who contributed to the success of our Christmas events. Your generous participation and involvement, whether big or small, have made a real difference and helped us meet our goals right up to the last hour. To our school volunteers, your time and dedication were invaluable; and to our school donors, your hearts truly convey the message that pilots take care of their own. We are deeply grateful for the supportive community that came

together to support this cause, especially in the final hour when we thought our goals couldn't be achieved and families were at risk of being without a Christmas. We couldn't have done it without you. Everyone's commitment is what makes this impactful work possible. You all made this possible—working together to make a difference now and in the future for these students and their families, promoting their well-being.

Final Note

The challenges faced by those in need often include struggling with feelings of shame and embarrassment when asking for help. However, it is important to emphasize the need for assistance and the positive impact it can have on both the giver and the receiver. Even though we can't applaud together through pictures and videos of their expressions when receiving these items, just knowing your provided support—through trust, vetting, and due diligence—can improve their self-esteem and sense of purpose while also making a tangible difference in their lives.

Let's continue helping those in need with our hearts and not just our eyes and hands.

Banning High School

Tia Gloria 12/4

Peter Trujillo (2) 12/4, (2) 12/15

Marlene Mendez (2) 12/4

Marlene Mendez & Friends 12/4

CP Magnet Teachers (3) 12/5

Virginia Marquez and Friends 12/5

Gianni Legaspi (2) 12/5

Maria G Rangel 12/6

CP Magnet (2) 12/9

Anonymous 12/10

Marisela Camberos Hinds 12/10

Mr. Klein & Mr. Richter's Classroom 12/10

Delfina Jaramillo 12/11

Theresa & Robert Rodriguez 12/15

Lucia Rodriguez 12/15

Jeanette Lopez 12/16

Lily Yang 12/16

Elizabeth Machuca /Synesthesia Boutique (2) 12/17
Pennies for Presents BHS ABS (9) 12/17

Monetary Donations

every little bit helps no matter if its 25 cents cause it makes sense.

M. Dieguez \$ 100.00
I Salgado \$ 50.00
M R \$ 23.00
Hansen Family \$ 100.00
Lisa Roque \$ 50.00

Wilmington Park Elementary

The Rendon Family (OTW) On the Waterfront (4) 12/4

Family Letter, Number of Family Members, Date Adopted

*** Family Opted out**

A 4 - 12/4

B 4 - 12/5

C 5 -12/10

D 3 - 12/4

E 6 - 12/17

F 8 - 12/5

G 5 - 12/4

H 5 - 12/10

I 5 - 12/16

J 5 - 12/9

K 4 - 12/10

L 4 - 12/11

M 6 - 12/4

N 6 - 12/17

O 4 - 12/15

P 5 - *

Q 3 - 12/6

R 5 - 12/17

S 6 -12/16

T 4 - 12/15

U 4 - 12/4

V 4 - 12/9

W 6 - 12/17

X 6 - 12/17

Y 6 - 12/5

Z 5 - 12/17

AA 6 - 12/17

BB 11 - 12/4

CC 4 - *

DD 6 - 12/17

EE 5 - 12/17

FF 4 - 12/5

GG 5 - 12/17

HH 7 - 12/17

Adoption Tally

* Family withdrew Thanksgiving and Christmas

Date	Students	Family Members	Balance Students	Balance Family Members
			33	169
12/4	-6	-33	27	136
12/5	+1	+7	28	143
12/5	-4	-22	24	121
12/6	-1	-3	23	118
12/9	-2	-9	21	109
12/10	-3	-14	18	95
12/11	-1	-4	17	91
12/15	-2	-8	15	83
12/16	-1	-5	14	78
12/17	-2	-11	12	67
12/17	-1	-5	11	62
12/17	-2*	-9*	9	53
12/17	-9	-53	0	0