

The Pajama Project has been in existence for 12 years and is comprised of over 200 volunteers (ages 9 to 93) who come from many parts of San Diego and Temecula. We even have some long-distance supporters! The group produces colorful, hand-sewn flannel pajamas for children in need right here in San Diego County. Some of the recipients receive their pajamas as beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts via agencies serving families in domestic violence shelters and families dealing with HIV, addictions and mental health issues. Other agencies use the pajamas year-round by giving them to children who are entering foster homes or have been evaluated in a clinic following sexual abuse. (Those children are able to go home in a clean, new pair of pajamas.) Military families throughout San Diego are also provided Christmas pajamas.

The 2009 project is coming to a close, but began in November of 2008 with the purchase of 2,500 yards of high-quality flannel at \$1.49/yard (a 50% increase in cost over the previous year). Volunteers laundered, cut the fabric and have assembled nearly 1000 kits (as of August with one more cutting day remaining this year!) for sewers to complete at home. Once again, due to low overhead, the average cost per garment remains low at approximately \$6.75 each. (This is increased from \$5.25 last year due to increased flannel prices.) The 2009 Pajama Project will end on October 31 and a new record looks promising! (We completed 955 garments in 2008.)

We are now preparing for the 2010 Pajama Project as we will need to purchase the fabric this November. As mentioned earlier, the cost of flannel has increased significantly and the need for warm pajamas continues to increase in San Diego County. If you can, please consider a tax-deductible donation (any amount is appreciated) to this worthy cause. You can count on touching the life of a child and their parents when they receive a warm, new pair of pajamas that (as it says on the label we sew in) were "Handmade with Love" just for them!

Thank you.

Sherie Whiting
Pajama Project Coordinator

P.S. Checks should be made to the Pajama Project/Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The Project originated at Bethlehem, but is a COMMUNITY, NONDENOMINATIONAL Project. Annual budgets and distribution records are available on request.

I made this card so that local children in families going through hard times could receive a pair of lovingly-sewn flannel pajamas for Christmas!

Name: Emily

Age: 12



Sample of flannel used for the
2009 Christmas PJ Project