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## LifePoint Church celebrates 12 Ways of Christmas

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LifePoint Church kicked off its 12 Ways of Christmas community outreach Wednesday by distributing more than 400 presents to local foster children, families in need and care and rehabilitation facilities in Carson and Douglas County.

Their first way of Christmas was named “The Legacy Tree” where church members chose an ornament from the tree and bought gifts for the person mentioned on it.

“Our goal is to serve the local community in 12 ways during Christmas and beyond. We recognize that so many of us lean into caring for those around us, who are less fortunate, by giving our time, money and gifts during December, but what happens after Christmas has come and gone?” said Mark Marsella, connections pastor. “It seems like the spirit of Christmas gets rolled up and put away like so many Christmas trees and decorations. We’re challenging our church family to reach our local community beyond Christmas and well into the New Year, by offering 12 different activities that extend from December through February.”

On Wednesday, 253 gifts were distributed to long term care and rehabilitation facilities in Gardnerville and Carson City.

“There are a lot of residents in these places who don’t have families, and they’re lonely,” Bobbie Dickerson of LifePoint Church said. “This is to show them that they are loved no matter who they are and no matter where they are.”

Out of those gifts, 35 went to residents at Gardnerville Health and Rehab.

“It’s very meaningful because some of our residents have family and some of them don’t, so for Lifepoint Church to adopt us and help us out we highly appreciate them,” said Rachael Slater, activities director. “At Christmas time some of our residents are down and out, but this always lifts their spirits.”

Other future outreaches include a blood drive, snow removal, Christmas caroling, a diaper drive, extreme school bakeover, Christmas Eve offering, New Years for cops and first responders, battery blitz, pantry food flood and more.

For more information on the 12 Ways of Christmas, or to get involved visit [www.LifePointNV.com/12ways](http://www.LifePointNV.com/12ways).

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