

# Clarissa's "Jared Box" Holiday Party!



Assembling boxes for the children at St. Jude

The Jared Box Project is a national organization that provides a smile to chronically ill children. A "Jared Box" is a shoebox-sized storage box that gets filled with things like toys, games, cards, etc. Each box is designated for a specific age and gender. The Memphis branch of Jared's Box, headed by Clarissa Dunbar, held a holiday party this year. The result? 51 boxes were delivered to the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! "Next year, I plan on taking advantage of living on a college campus, and using that networking to drastically increase the number of donations and participants. I'd like to get the media involved as well to help spread the word," said Clarissa. Just because you missed out on this year's event doesn't mean that you can't get involved now—"Become a Fan of us on Facebook: Jared Box Project of Memphis and receive automatic updates when we begin planning in late summer for Christmas 2009." Though her hard work paid off for so many children, she still sees room for improvement for next year's collections. "Boxes separated into age and gender categories; the most popular category was 4-8; the hardest to get donations for was 2-4," said Clarissa. "This experience has solidified my career goal: to work in public relations, fundraising and event planning at a local nonprofit organization." Congrats to Clarissa and The Jared Box Project of Memphis!



Katelyn Benedetti & Jordi Keffer writing cards to spread holiday cheer!



Clarissa & Vilma Carnahan, the non-monetary donations coordinator



Clarissa Dunbar and tons of toys

