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They walk the talk and they are not in name only. “Teens in Action” is a club with the United Church of Christ in New Smyrna Beach. This youth group do community service work in the community throughout the year. For the past six years, they have thrown a party for the children at the Domestic Abuse Council’s emergency shelter.

The group collects new gifts for the children based on ages and gender and then serves dinner to the residents. This year, there were 17 children and 16 women at the shelter the day of the party.

“Oh, the joyful ride home! The kids were pumped and excited about helping. They are already asking if we can come back next year. This is their favorite community service, said Pam Hopper one of the teen group’s coordinators.

“Teens in Action” are middle school and high school students. All of them were dressed with Santa hats and some donned elves shoes as they helped Santa hand out gifts to the children. During the last year there were 166 different children living in the shelter.

The Domestic Abuse Council, Inc operates the only state certified shelter in Volusia County for victims of domestic violence. The shelter has a “Hugs & Love” children’s center with a dedicated case manager to work with the children on safety planning and coping skills.

To learn more about Domestic Abuse Council go to www.domesticabusecouncil.com. The Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-500-1119.

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In the photo

Back Row:

Csenga Nemeth, Mary Smith, Jenna McLarty, Santa, on Santa's lap - Alison Mangiafico (holding baby Riley), Brynn Bassett, Ann Marie Batley, Pam Hopper, Heidi Smith

Front row:

Kristina Mangiafico, Tavana Mercado , David Guinan, Andrew Forbes



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