## Helping out the needy

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Today, November 4th, was a day I'd been excited for for almost 3 months. I remember early on in the semester being told that we would be able to help with 'coats for kids' at the beginning of november. That felt so far away at the time, and now all of a sudden we've finished the service project.

I found myself at UV later than usual but early for the project, though cade was there early too. Him and I sat and talked for a long while before professor Bakdybek arrived and ushered us outside to see if the rotarians had arrived too. It took a minute but they all arrived, and quite a few students as well. Once everyone was there Sherise came around the corner with a cart full of stuff! We got to work immediately.

Sorting through the multitude of things, we found childrens underwear, socks, pencils, hair products, brushes, towels, bags, diapers, toys and baby wipes. With these things we were instructed to create a care package sort of thing. One of each item into a sealed box, color coordinated depending on the gender. Caleb, nicholas,



Caleb, Nicholas, Ana, Carter, Keb, Ismael, McKay, Cade with bags After making several we were then instructed to clean up what was there and to follow her outside. From her Jeep we unloaded even more stuff to be boxed, brought it in and did just that. This time mostly baby stuff, more diapers, wipes, toys, etc.

Each was then labelled, boxed up, and placed back into her black cart. Many pictures were taken of course, and all the students enjoyed some muffins and chocolate milk afterward.



By completing this activity I felt a huge amount of wholesomeness, knowing that the boxes and bags I was packaging were going to go to someone who needed it so desperately. I too felt sad at the thought of people needing these basic necessities so much but not being able to get them. Relying on the rotary club or their child's school for such things.

Nicholas and Cade enjoying the muffins