

## Happy Holidays from La Mano



Dear Friends,

In these last few days of 2013, we not only look back at the thousands of beautiful pots that were made in the studio but also at the hundreds of wonderful individuals who make up the La Mano community.

Some people come in just once or twice --- to shop, to take a workshop or simply to visit. Others take a course and spend time playing with clay. And then there are the students and artists who find themselves in the studio more and more often --- some of us nearly every day. Each person plays a role in making La Mano the vibrant, creative art community it is and we want to say thanks to all of you.

When we moved to our new location, our vision was to offer the space as a respite

from the hectic pace and sometimes impersonal atmosphere of the city. We already knew that clay-enthusiasts were a unique group --- and are so pleased that the magic of this community continues to develop and grow.

One example of the incredible positive energy is the recent amazing out-pouring and generosity of La Mano friends and family on behalf of needy children. When we started a collection to fill Christmas wishes, our goal was to buy gifts for 3 children. With the help of an energetic team of 'santa's helpers', we raised \$1,031 and, with that, we made Christmas morning special for 15 children. Through their parents, we gave these kids a holiday to remember --- filling their unique wishes. Thanks to the over 50 friends and family members who participated.

Please accept our best wishes for a healthy, joyous, and peaceful 2014. And we hope your future includes more time at La Mano playing with clay!

Yours in mud,

Julie, Diane, and Peggy



Marite Acosta, Amy Klein, Diane, DV Hirsch, and Susan Baker (just a few of our Santa's Helpers) wrapping the gifts for 15 children in need.

Thank you to all of our Santa Helpers, as well, that are not pictured here: Barbara

Stone, Richard Stauffacher, Jessie Lazar, Nonna Hall, Alan Cook, David Moldover, Nikki Seidman, and Heather Smaha.

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