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## Norte Vista AVID Alumni Christmas Shoebox Project Serves Foster Youth

*RIVERSIDE, CA (December 9, 2021)* - Gisselle Hernandez, a Norte Vista AVID Alumni and current AVID tutor, created the Christmas Shoebox Project. Gisselle's program provides nearly 100 foster students in the Alvord Unified School District with gift boxes filled with stocking stuffer gifts for the holiday season. Gisselle seeks donations from either their Amazon wish list registry (see below) or simply bought and dropped off at Norte Vista before December 15th. Please keep in mind shipping deadlines.

Packing day with the AVID team and AVID students is on December 15th, 2021, at Norte Vista High School at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to be part of this wonderful event. Gisselle along with other AVID tutors and the Norte Vista AVID team will be delivering packages on December 16th beginning at 8am, the last day of school before Winter Recess and are in search of other volunteers to help deliver. Gifts will be delivered to all Alvord schools.

Want to help? Please email the AVID department at Norte Vista here if you are interested in helping in any way.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a nationally recognized program that is committed to closing the opportunity gap by supporting schools to prepare all students for college, careers, and life.

Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HMPNTCPNB1RZ?ref_=wl_share

Our progress page and Thank You list: https://sites.google.com/alvordschools.net/norte-vistaavid/christmas-shoebox-thank-yous?authuser=0

Backstory of our project page: https://sites.google.com/alvordschools.net/norte-vista-avid/christmasshoeboxes?authuser=

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