



# Collecting books and pajamas for needy kids

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I think that sometimes, as kids, we don't realize everyone doesn't have it as good as we do here in Sayville and West Sayville. My friends and I decided it would be a nice idea to do some community service to help kids around the holidays and bring some Christmas joy.

We contacted Pajama Program, whose mission is to give new pajamas and new books to children in need. Winter is considered a dangerous season because it is so cold, especially here in New York, and kids need to be able to stay warm at night. Many of the kids in need live in shelters, group homes or orphanages and get moved around from place to place. Some of them live at home but in poverty, and never get new stuff, and don't even own pajamas.

My friends and I held a



Kidsday Reporter Brock Murtha, center, in green shirt, with friends from Sayville Middle School; he organized a pajama drive with their help for underprivileged kids in the community.

pajama and book drive for one month. To collect these items, we sent emails, texts and tweets to family members and friends, asking them to donate new pajamas and books. We printed fliers and put them in our neighbors' mailboxes. My friend Connor Smalley hosted Thanksgiving at his house, and

to get in the door, you had to donate a new pair of pajamas. A lot of us collected money, then went shopping at Target and Old Navy and picked out pajamas. I had relatives from as far away as San Francisco send donations.

Our goal was to collect 100 pairs of pajamas and 50 books.

We collected more than 150 pairs of pajamas and more than 95 books. We got together on a Saturday in December to sort all of the pajamas by size and all of the books by reading level. The UPS store in Sayville donated boxes for us to decorate and put all of the donations in, and the Sayville

Congregational United Church of Christ let us use the rec room to get together.

It really got us in the Christmas spirit. It feels good to help others who don't have much.

Our donations were picked up by a representative of the Long Island Women's Empowerment Network, and were sent to a shelter in Brentwood. The representative told us about the kids in the shelter and how they never get new stuff, so this made us feel great that we could help them out.

If you want to set up a project like this go to: pajamaprogram.org and click on Start a Drive. It feels good to pay it forward, and our plan is to do this every year.

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	C	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
AFTER MIDNIGHT													
WCBS	2	Letterman	Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Comics Unleashed	Paid Program	Montel Williams	Made Hollywood	▶Missing	Pets.TV	Real Green	Judge Judy	Tim McCarver	
WNBC	4	Tonight Show	Late Night With Seth Meyers	Last Call/Daly	The Meredith Vieira Show	Steve Harvey			1st Look	HouseSmarts	1st Look	Open House NYC	
WNYW	5	TMZ Live	TMZ	▶Dish Nation	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Judge Faith	Paid Program	Paid Program	Hair- Secrets!	Paid Program	
WABC	7	Jimmy Kimmel	▶Nightline	Be a Millionaire	Eyewitness News	Murdoch Mysteries "Dinosaur Fever"	Sanctuary "The Depths"	▶Q	WHADDYADO	Into the Wild	Storm Stories		
WWOR	9	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	The Dr. Oz Show	Supermarket tricks.	NutriBullet Rx	Paid Program	FREE TV!	Paid Program	MuffinTop?	Paid Program	Larry King Spc.	
WPIX	11	Friends	Friends	Love-Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Rules/Engagement	What Went Down	Gimme a Break	Hair- Secrets!	Paid Program	
WNET	13	▶Charlie Rose		Theater Talk	Masterpiece Mystery!			Masterpiece Mystery!			Masterpiece Mystery!	A bishop is poisoned.	
WLII	21	(11:38) Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey Season 4"		The Heiress and Her Chateau		Spy Marcus plans a Christmas party.	New Tricks "Roots"			Call the Midwife Holiday Special			
WLNY	55	10 Hot in Cleveland	Cougar Town	Hot in Cleveland	Raising Hope	Community	Cleveland Show	King of the Hill	Forensic Files	Cops Reloaded	Cops Reloaded	Hometime	
A&E	46	Criminal Minds "Big Sea"		Criminal Minds "Supply & Demand"	Criminal Minds "It Takes a Village"	Criminal Minds "Proof"			Paid Program	T25 Sexy Bodies!	Fast Joint Relief	Paid Program	
BRAV	44	Guide-Divorce	Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce	Vanderpump Rules	"Mind the Jax"	Vanderpump Rules		Friends to Lovers?	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
COM	50	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit				The Comedy Central Roast Actress Pamela Anderson.	David Spade: My Fake Problems			Comedy Central	Free NutriBullet	Blades/Wild	
E!	51	Kourtney & Khloé Take the Hamptons	The Soup	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	An emotional dinner.	Paid Program	1 Minute-Makeup	Paid Program	Paid Program	
FOOD	66	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Iron Chef America	"Winter Ice Battle"	Airbrushed Beauty	Easy Nutrition	
FX	142	Parks/Recreat	Parks/Recreat	Parks/Recreat	Parks/Recreat	T25 Sexy Bodies!	Keith Urban Player	Paid Program	Can't Sleep?	Cook Like a Pro	Paid Program	Blades/Wild	
HIST	47	American Pickers "Cammy Camaro"	American Pickers "Thunderdome"	American Pickers "Big Boy Toys"		American Pickers "Urban Cowboys"		Paid Program	Coin Collecting	Coin Collecting	Coin Collecting		
MLB	149	MLB Network Roundtable	Best of Hot Stove			MLB Now		Best of Hot Stove		MLB Network Roundtable		Best of Hot Stove	
NIK	33	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	How I Met Your Mother "The Duel"	How I Met/Mother	George Lopez	George Lopez	George Lopez		George Lopez	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	
SVFY 48/	67	(10) XXX ★★½	The Revenant ★★½ (Comedy, 2009). David Anders, Chris Wylde, Louise Griffiths. (R)			Phantom Racer (Action, 2009). Greg Evigan, Adam Battrick. (NR)				Z Nation "Puppies and Kittens"			
TBS	39	Sherlock Holmes	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows ★★½ (Action). Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law. (PG-13)			Drive ★★ (Crime Drama, 2011). Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan. (R)				Married... With	Married... With		
TNT	37	(10) The Help ★★½ (Drama).	Wake Up Call			The Help ★★½ (Drama). Viola Davis. An aspiring writer captures the experiences of black women. (PG-13)				Hawaii Five-0 "Ohuna"			
TVL	34	Friends	Friends	The Year: 2014	Guests reflect on the events of 2014.	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
USA	38	Benched	Benched	The Dilemma ★★ (Comedy, 2011). Vince Vaughn, Kevin James. (PG-13)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Grow"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			
WEATH	62	Tornado Alley	Raging Nature	Destructive tornadoes.	Raging Nature "Blizzards"		Raging Nature "Avalanches"		Raging Nature "Tornadoes: Part 2"		▶Weather Center Live (7:00)		
AMC	43	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	"Slabtown"		The Walking Dead A new set of issues.	The Walking Dead A rescue mission.	The Walking Dead "Crossed"		The Walking Dead "Coda"			
ENC	350	(11:50) Maverick ★★ (Western, 1994). Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster. (PG)		50 First Dates ★★ (Romance-Comedy, 2004). Adam Sandler. (PG-13)		The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy ★★½ (PG)				Lost in Space			
FXM	190	(11) Maid in Manhattan ★★ (PG-13)	Big Miracle ★★ (Adventure). John Krasinski, Drew Barrymore. (PG)			For Heaven's Sake ★★½ (Comedy-Drama). (NR)		I'd Climb the Highest Mountain ★★½ (Drama). (NR)					
HBO	82	The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug ★★ (Fantasy, 2013). Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman. (PG-13)				Tracy Morgan: Black and Blue		The Hills Have Eyes ★★ (Horror). Aaron Stanford, Kathleen Quinlan. (R)					
IFC	83	(11) The Matrix Revolutions ★★½ (Science Fiction). Keanu Reeves. (R)				The Matrix Revolutions ★★½ (Science Fiction). Keanu Reeves, Neo, Morpheus and Trinity battle vicious machines. (R)		Comedy Bang!		Comedy Bang!			
MAX	85	All Babe Network (Adult). Mary Carey, Jazy Berlin. (NR)	Blade Runner ★★ (Science Fiction). Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer. (R)			Co-Ed Confidential		Jacob's Ladder ★★ (Horror, 1990). Tim Robbins, Elizabeth Peña. (R)					
SHO	84	A Life in Dirty Movies (Documentary, 2013). (NR)	Inside the NFL			McConkey (Documentary, 2013). (NR)		As Cool as I Am ★½ (Comedy-Drama). Claire Danes. (R)					
STZ	340	(10:45) Captain Phillips ★★½	Tequila Sunrise ★★½ (Crime Drama). Mel Gibson, Michelle Pfeiffer. (R)			Mom's Night Out ★½ (Comedy). Sarah Drew. (PG)		Thor: The Dark World ★★½ (Action). (PG-13) (6:40)					
TMC	86	(11:35) The Canyons ★½ (Suspense).	The Baytown Outlaws ★★ (Action). Billy Bob Thornton, Eva Longoria. (R)			How to Kill Your Neighbor's Dog ★★ (Comedy-Drama). Kenneth Branagh.		Stakeout ★★ (Suspense). (R) (7:00)					