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Putting Homeless Children First for the Holidays
Fulfilling the needs of homeless and underprivileged children

TEMPE, AZ — December 14, 2010 — First United Door Technologies (FUDT) believes that service to others is the best way to learn and grow. With an appreciation for our community and we are so grateful for opportunities to give back through various service projects throughout the year.

Children First Academy, based in Tempe, Arizona, is a school for homeless and underprivileged children. Each year we participate in efforts to fill the needs of homeless children in Arizona by participating in their Christmas Adopt-A-Class event.

The second grade class event starts out with a pizza party but is often hurried as the children's wide eyes stare at the mountain of gifts stacked at the front of the class, the students—many of whom are homeless—shout and cheer as Santa Claus calls each student forward to receive his or her presents. It's amazing how excited the kids get as most of them can't wait to tear open their gifts.

The majority of students attending Children First Academy are homeless. Some do not have parents, either, and are living in shelters. A lot of the parents don't have an income, so the kids don't really get new things. Their parents can't afford it, or they would rather spend their money on something else, like food. Many students stay in a new place every night. The one stable place they can go to every day is their school, where their class often becomes their family. They often don't want to go home. They want to stay at school, or they ask if they can go home with one of the staff members.

FUDT values the important work Children First Academy provides homeless families. They provide a stable learning environment for children experiencing transitions due to homelessness. This is why it is important for us to continue our support each year, by reaching out to the community and to put children first.

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