

The AmeriCorps Partnership to End Homelessness: Welcoming the Community to a Christmas Feast!



On a bone-chilling December 15, 2010, members of the Partnership to End Homelessness acted as greeters for the 270 dinner guests



attending the annual Community Christmas Banquet at Grace Community Church. The members were responsible for helping the event get kicked off in the right spirit of fun. Prior to the banquet doors being opened,



members made and handed out hot chocolate, chatted with guests, helped people find where to go, and entertained the guests with Christmas songs. This is the 22nd year for the banquet which specifically welcomes the homeless and poor in our community. At the banquet, the guests enjoy entertainment and a



home-cooked meal served on real china plates with real silverware and glass glasses. The banquet is well known in the community it serves. For some people, this *is* their annual Christmas party and they make a point to come year after year. The banquet organizers specifically requested the AmeriCorps members to be greeters because of their friendly and caring attitude toward the homeless people they serve.

