



Walnut Avenue Women's Center

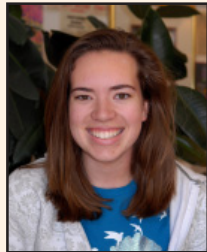


## PRESS RELEASE

# Teen donates \$5800 in GIFT CARDS and GIFTS to TEENS of domestic violence!

### About Dayna Shoemaker

Dayna Shoemaker founded G.I.F.T. to provide comfort gifts for teens who have witnessed and/or experienced domestic violence. She is 17 years old and a senior at Santa Cruz High School. Dayna plans to study international business/business management in college.



### G.I.F.T. distributes gifts to Teens!

#### Event Information

Friday, August 22, 2008

2:30pm-3:30pm

Walnut Avenue Women's Center  
175 Walnut Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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**G.I.F.T.** (Give It up For Teens) was founded to benefit teens who are survivors of domestic violence. G.I.F.T. worked in part with Walnut Avenue Women's Center (WAWC), which helps just over 3,000 families a year. Although the center does provide programs to benefit all family members, there are not as many groups for the teenagers. WAWC receives many teddy bears, school backpacks, and other donations for children, but lack the things the teenagers really need and appreciate. In some cases to escape domestic violence all belongings are left behind except for the clothing on their backs. High School is one of the most difficult times in a young person's life, think about having to go to school feeling embarrassed and ashamed of where you come from and what you don't have. Dayna Shoemaker collected over \$5800 in gift cards/certificates and gifts. Dayna Shoemaker will be issuing the gifts to the teens who are involved in programs at WAWC on Friday, August 22nd at 2:30 pm.