

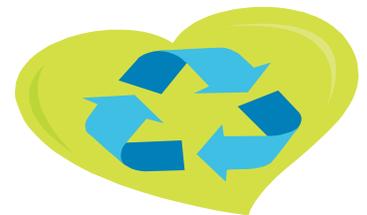
Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

Capitol Report



Recycle Your Christmas
Cards & Help Children !

**Recycle Your Old Christmas Cards
and Donate Them to a Great Cause !!**



**Give From Your Heart
and Recycle !!**

With the 2014 Christmas Season now upon us and a new year just weeks away - two of the most celebrated holidays of the year - it is a time of many traditions. And of course, with the season comes a tradition that many homes and offices like mine experience year after year. That is the exchange and receipt of Christmas cards which most of us have already started receiving and will continue to receive as 2014 comes to a close and 2015 right around the corner. And in many cases, we are flooded with hundreds of cards that we do not know what to do with them. So what do we do with those cards after the holidays are over? Most of us simply trash them and do not even give it a second thought about some valuable use we can make of those cards if we only recycled them. Yes, that is right, those cards can be recycled and be put to good use and donated to a good worthy cause that helps sick children.

In an effort to recycle those cards, rather than trash them, and at the same time put them to a good worthy cause, those cards can be mailed to the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children**, National Headquarters, at 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder, NV 89005, or at the **Texas, St. Jude's Ranch for Children Chapter**, at 1400 Ridge Creek Lane, Bulverde, TX 78163-4354. To help in the cause, you may also drop off your cards either in my Dallas or Austin Legislative Offices, and my staff will be glad to collect them, and we will ship them all together. For the next few weeks, and through the middle of January 2015, my offices will be collecting and then donating them to the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children**. Once they are collected, my staff will ship them all to the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children** where the cards are recycled by the special-needs children and used in special projects, including therapy, while they are in the medical facility.

The **St. Jude's Ranch For Children**, is a worthy non-profit organization that helps terminally-ill children, many of them suffering from cancer. This organization uses these recycled Christmas Cards as therapy and other activities to help the children design special projects while they are at the **Ranch** receiving medical or social services. I find this worthy recycling program as an excellent way to help children who go to these medical facilities to seek help for their terminal illnesses and other medical conditions. And many of their parents cannot afford the high cost of hospitalization and medication, so many of these projects, among other things, help set up special funds to help financially the families of these children. **The only special request made by the St. Jude's Ranch staff is that the cards be "clipped or cut" and ONLY the front photo portion of the card is recycled. So if you decide to recycle the cards, make certain that only the photo portion of the cards are recycled.**

To learn more about the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children** Christmas Card recycle program, visit the website at:
<http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/>