



## **The Spirit of Giving at DGS – December 19, 2007**

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The holiday spirit is really alive these days at the Ziggurat – or the Zig as us DGS'ers call our West Sacramento headquarters building.

Yesterday, Chief Deputy Director Will Semmes and Green Team Manager Roy McBrayer donned the Santa suit to help DGS staff hand out more than 700 presents to school kids at two West Sacramento schools. Two weeks ago, DGS employees donated another 300+ gifts to other Sacramento-area kids and seniors through the County's Gifts from the Heart campaign.

I couldn't be more happy and proud of the generosity shown by my DGS staff within their community this holiday season. I also know that we are not alone at DGS. Throughout the Capital and across the State, through other gift-giving and food collection drives, State employees are opening their hearts and their wallets this season to help those less fortunate.

The Governor said it best earlier this month at the Chanukah Celebration at the Capitol when he asked us to help those in need this holiday season and "Lend a hand to neighbor, show some kindness, and do everything that you can to make this world a better place."

He couldn't be more right. Thank you, State employees and happy holidays to all.