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Charity in Full Swing at State Department of General Services

The uncertainties of the economic future have not prevented state employees from opening up their hearts and wallets this year to those less fortunate. State workers from the Department of General Services (DGS) will continue to give in the coming weeks as they collect gifts for the needy and food for the hungry this holiday season.

The morning of Thursday, December 18, DGS employees will be stationed in front of their well-known Ziggurat building to accept food donations for Food-Link, which distributes the food to more than 80 Sacramento programs. Participants will not even need to leave their cars as DGS Director Will Bush and employees will gladly accept donations in a makeshift drive-thru. That afternoon, the employees will join Santa in delivering gifts to approximately 100 children in need from Elkhorn Village, Riverbank and Alice Norman elementary schools in West Sacramento.

"The generosity displayed by the employees at DGS during these rough economic times is amazing," said Will Bush, director of DGS. "It really demonstrates that people genuinely care about those hurting in these tough times."

Last week DGS staff donated additional gifts to 263 children and 71 seniors as part of Sacramento County's annual "Gifts From The Heart" campaign.

The department's food drive will run until January 9 with a goal to collect 15,000 pounds of food, exceeding the 13,400 pounds of food donated last year.

This past fall, DGS employees contributed \$3,821 toward California State Employees Charitable Campaign through a series of events.

"I couldn't ask for better people to work with," said Bush. "They inspire me to do more."

FOOD DRIVE AT THE ZIGGURAT:

Thursday, Dec. 18, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

DGS headquarters

707 Third St., West Sacramento

In front of the Ziggurat building

GIFT DELIVERY WITH SANTA:

Thursday, Dec. 18, noon

Elkhorn Village Elementary

750 Cummins Way, West Sacramento

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