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Charity in Full Swing at State Department of General Services

SACRAMENTO, Calif — In spite of furloughs and tough economic times, DGS state employees continue to open up their hearts and wallets during this holiday season to those less fortunate. State workers from the Department of General Services (DGS) will host several events to give in the coming weeks as they collect gifts for the needy and food for the hungry.

The morning of Thursday, Dec. 10, 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 Chief Deputy Director Stephen Amos and employees will accept donations in a makeshift drive-thru.

"Even in the hardest economic times state workers join together to help those less fortunate," said Stephen Amos, chief deputy director of DGS. "It really demonstrates the altruism of DGS employees during this holiday season."

The following Thursday, Dec. 17, the employees will join Santa in delivering gifts to approximately more than 75 children and families in need from West Sacramento Early College Prep, Bright and Elkhorn schools in West Sacramento.

Tuesday DGS staff donated additional gifts to children and seniors as part of Sacramento County's annual "Gifts from the Heart" campaign. The department's food drive will run until Jan. 9 with a goal to collect 20,000 pounds of food. Last year the department greatly exceeded their goals by collecting 31,000 pounds of food and cash equivalent.

This past fall, DGS employees also contributed toward California State Employees Charitable Campaign through a series of events. This year alone, DGS has raised more than \$6,500 for CSECC.

"Working with such a generous group of people is truly inspirational," said Amos. "It encourages us all to offer a helping hand this season."

FOOD DRIVE AT THE ZIGGURAT:

Thursday, Dec. 10, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

DGS headquarters, In front of the Ziggurat building
707 Third St., West Sacramento

GIFT DELIVERY WITH SANTA:

Thursday, Dec. 17, 12:30 p.m.

West Sacramento Early College Prep (Formerly Evergreen School)
919 West Acre, West Sacramento

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