# [***Businesses donate supplies, service to fund 'Higher quality toy' possible because of firms' gifts to annual holiday effort***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:47KN-3CV0-001X-M36D-00000-00&context=1516831)

Spokesman Review (Spokane, WA)

January 1, 2003 Wednesday Spokane Edition

Copyright 2003 Spokane Spokesman-Review

**Section:** THE REGION; Pg.B1

**Length:** 765 words

**Byline:** Susan English Correspondent

**Body**

Not all donations to The Spokesman-Review Christmas Bureau are monetary.

Each year, dozens of area businesses give everything from ***cell phone*** service

for the bureau to plastic bags for the toys.

''These businesses make incredible donations that we couldn't do without,"

said Sally Quirk, Christmas Bureau volunteer coordinator.

For example, Dave McGann - owner of the area Arby's Roast Beef Restaurants

- delivered 1,219 sandwiches at greatly reduced prices to the Christmas Bureau

for the volunteers. In addition, McGann worked at the bureau as a volunteer

for seven of the 10 days.

''What these businesses donate, whether it's computers or reduced price

chairs, makes it possible for us to provide a higher quality toy," Quirk

said. ''It allows us to offer child care while the parent selects the toy, and

safety measures, such as wheelchairs."

The computers, for instance, are vital to the smooth operation of the

bureau, Quirk said. ''They also safeguard the intentions of the monetary

donors," she said, by making sure people only go through the bureau once.

As a salute to the area businesses who helped make the Christmas Bureau

happen, here are the outright donations, atcost donations and services they

provided:

Arby's Roast Beef Restaurants: 1,219 sandwiches at a reduced cost of $1.25

each for the bureau volunteers.

Correctional Industries of Airway Heights Correctional Center: reduced

price for volunteers' sweat shirts, free design and production of bureau

signs, loan of computer equipment.

Medical Lake Middle School students agreed to a two-month delay in getting

computer equipment from the correctional center so the computers could be

loaned to the bureau.

New Horizon Computer Learning Center: donated a site and technical

assistance in setting up and taking down computer network.

Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping on Francis Avenue: donation of child-care

armbands, 4,000 large plastic bags, reduced prices on 800 teen gifts and

employee delivery of the gifts.

Bestway Solutions, GI Trucking, Spokane Transfer: provided free trucking of

all toys to the Christmas Bureau from storage.

Huppin's Photo Hi-Fi & Video: reduced prices on teen gifts, free delivery.

Powers Candy & Nut Co.: reduced prices and free delivery of candy.

Kinko's: reduced printing rates.

Premium Cartridges: reduced price on servicing printer cartridges.

The House of Charity: prepared daily soup for 90 volunteers for 10 days.

Safeway: donation of 5,000 plastic bags.

Yoke's Foods: donation of 5,000 plastic bags.

Scholastic Books Inc.: donation of 20,000 books via Volunteers of America.

Spokane County Fair & Expo Center through the Spokane County commissioners:

reduced rate for Ag Building rental and staff services.

The Spokesman-Review: donated fairgrounds site rental costs and the time of

editorial and accounting personnel to process the monetary donations and write

the stories.

KHQ-TV devoted reporter and air time to weeknight updates of the fund's

tally.

Double Eagle Pawn on East Sprague: loan of sound system.

Costco: loan of three flatbed carts.

Office Depot: below-cost pricing for 100 folding chairs for bureau

recipients.

Veradale Mini-Storage: loan of U-Haul truck for moving computers and

equipment.

Verizon Wireless: loan of ***cell phones*** with service for use during the

Christmas Bureau operation.

Inland Medical & Rehab: loan of two wheelchairs for use at the bureau.

Gifts-in-kind: many items for the Food Bank's gift bags.

Zak Designs (Spokane company): Food Bank gift bag items.

The Rothrock Co.: storage space for Christmas Bureau equipment for the

year.

The Linoleum Shop Inc.: carpeting for the child-care area.

All these donations were urged and cajoled by the people who work for four

charities that keep the Christmas Bureau clicking along. Here's an account of

what they do:

Volunteers of America: clerical, accounting, personnel and trucking during

equipment transfers, loan of computer chairs, summer volunteer party,

redirecting 20,000 Scholastic Books to the bureau, executive team member,

daily staff volunteer time during the bureau operation.

Catholic Charities: accounting, clerical, bureau meetings site, salaries of

Russian translators for two weeks, insurance, child-care equipment loan, the

bureau coordinator, executive team members, recruiter of the bulk of the

bureau volunteers.

Second Harvest Food Bank: storage and transportation of equipment,

volunteers who pack and distribute gift bags, all gift-bag items, on-site

supervisor during the bureau operation.

The Salvation Army: bureau team members, volunteers and childcare area

toys.

Thanks to everyone.

**Load-Date:** January 3, 2003

**End of Document**