

CITY OF ASHEVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

When the need arises, the City of Asheville Water Department Employees can be depended on to help! When a City Public Works Employee was seriously injured on December 12th by an airborne automobile in the Public Works vehicle lot, the water employees collected \$400 so Mr. Bobby Edwards and his family could have gifts at Christmas.

Our Meter Services Division adopted a family of six for Christmas, which included three boys and one girl. The parents provided a list of each of the children's needs and wants, and the staff bought gifts for them all. In addition to providing the children with gifts, the employees also provided the parents with an Ingles' gift card as an extra surprise for them. All of the Meter Services Division participated in this kind and sharing endeavor.



The Water Customer Services Division participated in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. The program helps supply Christmas gifts for children ages 12 and under that live in Buncombe County. The response from Customer Services employees was overwhelming! Four children ranging in age from four to eight were chosen for sponsorship. So many toys and clothing items were collected for these children that even the volunteers at the Salvation Army were amazed when the donations were delivered. This not only helped some children in the community, but was also a fun and rewarding holiday activity for the Customer Services team. The division plans on sponsoring an even larger number of children next year.

In our Water Production Division, one couple donated \$1,200 to a military family and two twin beds to a local family. The division has also made donations to Manna Food Bank and Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries. They have made donations to the Calvary Episcopal Church Food Pantry. They also serve as a sponsor of a Big Brothers / Big Sister family.

The department has also pledged over \$6,000 to the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County in 2013.