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Kingman DES Office Shows Spirit of Christmas *Colleagues provide presents to residents in a long-term care facility*

PHOENIX –The Department of Economic Security is here to serve others. Last week, colleagues in the Kingman DES office took that spirit of service to a new level, bringing smiles to 75 truly special individuals. Our caring DES colleagues played Secret Santa, purchasing and delivering gifts to the elderly residents of the Gardens Rehab and Care Center in Kingman.

“This started last year with the intent to provide presents to the residents who were veterans,” said Nani Chrimes, a DES colleague who works with veterans as part of the Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services. “But then our staff realized how many residents no longer had family members in their lives. Our colleagues decided to provide at least one present to every resident there.”

Presents were collected and handed out to 75 residents last week. Many DES colleagues went out on their lunch break, and some on their day off, to help pass out gifts and spend time with the residents.

“Some of these residents never get visitors,” said Nani. “To visit them, and show them they are still thought of and cared for, was more important than any gift we could buy. To see the smiles on their faces was also the best gift our colleagues and their families could receive.”

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