



## Students share their holiday spirit with the community

Food & toy donations – and a tree decorating contest – help students understand the meaning of the season

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**(CLEARFIELD, Utah)** – Clearfield Job Corps Center student government leaders – and students representing every on-center trade – are giving back to the greater Clearfield community this holiday season, in several different ways.

Students have gathered food and toy donations, and they have decorated and donated a number of Christmas trees, all in support of the Family Connection Center, a children's and family shelter serving Davis and Morgan Counties.

The three-part student effort began before Thanksgiving, when Clearfield students gathered more than 800 pounds of donated food. Then, earlier this month, a student Sub for Santa toy drive produced ten large boxes of toys.

Finally, to add a little fun to the project, the Christmas tree decorating became an on-center contest, pitting students studying various trades against one another.

Clearfield Job Corps Center Director Gary Vesta praised the students' efforts saying, "I'm proud of the students and their willingness to give back to the community. They always finish these projects receiving more than they give."

A panel of Job Corps staff members judged the decorated trees before they were donated to local families in need. Clearfield Job Corps material handling students delivered the trees to the Family Connection Center.

Students had previously delivered the 800 pounds of food and 10 boxes of toys.

Family Connection Center Executive Director Sharon Anderson said, "These wonderful Job Corps student donations are helping our community members to enjoy the holidays. Our clients face serious challenges: isolation, child abuse, poverty, drug abuse and more. We are very grateful to the Clearfield Job Corps Center for helping us to take their minds off their problems, if only for a few moments."

For more on the Clearfield Job Corps Center please visit: <http://clearfield.jobcorps.gov>.

For more on the Family Connection Center visit <http://www.familyconnection4u.org>.

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