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Food Bank & Toy Drive Assisted By REALTORS®

NANAIMO, BC – It may have been a time for seasonal celebration, but it was also a time for giving back to the community. Nanaimo area REALTORS® donated money and a truck load of toys for the city's less fortunate at their annual Christmas Luncheon December 16. Held at the Coast Bastion Inn, about 130 REALTORS® were on hand to share some good times and to donate \$500 to the Salvation Army's food bank.

In addition, a huge pile of unwrapped toys were presented to The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive, received by Toy Drive Director and former REALTOR® Patrick Squires. "I want to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity now and throughout the year."

The toys donated at the luncheon were part of the more than 1,400 collected by the Toy Drive to be distributed over the holiday season. The Salvation Army's Dawn Anderson was also present, to receive the financial donation from Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) President Jim Stewart and Nanaimo area Director Jennifer Merilees.



“REALTORS® have a long history of helping the Salvation Army,” Anderson said after the luncheon. “They’ve done everything from donations like this to manning the Christmas kettles. The need is great all year, but especially so at this time of year. Their support is always appreciated.”

The yearly Christmas Luncheon allows the REALTORS® to mingle with their peers, spend a little time relaxing and to make a difference in the community.

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