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Clatskanie PUD delivering more than power this Christmas Season

In year's past, Clatskanie PUD employees have adopted less fortunate families by purchasing food and gifts or simply collected money to donate to the local non-profit agencies during the holiday season. This year though, Distribution Design Specialist Cary Gray presented the idea of delivering bikes to less fortunate but much deserving children in the communities served by the PUD. So with less than a month to go until Christmas, a challenge went out to each employee to donate a bicycle or else money to help purchase bicycles. The original goal was to collect 40 bicycles; however, overwhelming support for the project poured in from employees, Board members and even contractors and individuals who work with the PUD, far surpassing the goal. In all, \$2,765 and 10 bicycles were donated and in the end, a total of 60 bicycles and 6 wagons were sitting in the PUD warehouse waiting for a new home. Plus, for the children's safety, the PUD purchased bicycle helmets to go along with the bicycles. With assistance from Turning Point and Head Start in Clatskanie and HOPE of Rainier, families were identified and the bicycles and helmets will be delivered to each just in time for Christmas. As Gray explains, "It makes you feel good knowing a Christmas wish for many children will come true as they see that new bicycle waiting for them." The PUD would like to thank Hazen Hardware, Wal Mart and Fred Meyer for giving special pricing on the purchase of the bikes and helmets. A special thanks also goes out to the contractors and individuals who donated money including P & C Construction, Kynsi Construction, Full Bore Construction, Charley Hathaway, Terry Baisley (P&C Construction) and Charles Krieger (Terex).



CPUD Employees along with a portion of the bikes collected