

Media Release

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Calgary - Husky Energy employees today donated more than 1,100 gifts and toys to Inn from the Cold, CUPS Health & Education Centres and Awo Taan Healing Lodge. Representatives from the three organizations accepted the donations at Husky's head office in Calgary. The toys will be distributed to needy families with children.

Employees enthusiastically embraced the initiative which benefits families seeking assistance from the three agencies. This initiative recognizes the importance of supporting the communities in which Husky operates and its employees live and work.

Students at Western Canada High School, Husky's partner school, raised \$3,000 which was used to purchase more than 150 gifts.

"Inn from the Cold appreciates the generosity of the many Husky Energy employees and Western Canada High School students who took the time to purchase toys for the children we help," Yvette Rasmussen, Executive Director said. "This spirit of kindness will not only make the holiday season brighter for the families staying at Inn from the Cold, but it is also a lovely gesture to remind our guests that the community genuinely cares about them."

"The toys that are being donated to the CUPS Family Centre by Husky Energy will be used to assist low income families," Carlene Donnelly, Executive Director of CUPS said. "Parents often struggle just to meet the basic needs for their children such as housing, food and clothing; this leaves little money for gifts. This donation will help bring smiles and joy to the families who need our support so that they too may enjoy the beauty of Christmas."

A grandmother staying at the AwoTaan Healing Lodge with custody of three young grandchildren said, "Your donation will make this a brighter Christmas for all of them. These gifts mean that Santa is coming and he didn't forget even though they had to leave their home behind. The spirit of Xmas is everywhere and your generosity is appreciated."

This is the second year that Husky's employees have collected gifts and toys for less fortunate children. To encourage participation and help as many children as possible, Calgary employees issued a friendly challenge to other Husky locations. Eleven locations across North America participated in the toy drive. Many employees donated more than one gift. Husky Energy employees are proud to be able to make a meaningful difference in a child's life.

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