

Hockey players lend a hand at bureau

Burnaby Express hockey team gets in the giving spirit for needy families - on and off the ice

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The Burnaby Express hockey team is throwing its support behind the Christmas Bureau to help make sure local families have food and presents this holiday season.

"It's a community thing, and the Burnaby Express are always trying to get out in the community and support the people in Burnaby," said team captain Dylan Herold. "As in every year, it's always nice to have presents for Christmas. The best you can do is help out in anyway you can."

Herold was joined by three other players - Konrad Sander, Brad Reid and Simon Denis - who helped put shelves up in the bureau's toy room on Thursday. The team is also collecting toys and donating tickets.

On Friday, Dec. 4, the Express will hold a toy drive, where game attendees can bring new toys to donate to the Christmas Bureau. The Express will play against the Langley Chiefs.

There is also a teddy bear toss on Saturday, Dec. 12, when the Express play against the Surrey Eagles. When they score their first goal, people can toss the teddy bears onto the ice, but they should be wrapped in clear, plastic bags so they don't get wet. Both games start at 7:30 p.m. and will be at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre.

The Express also donated vouchers for local hockey games for people attending the Christmas Bureau's Nov. 19 fundraising dinner.

"We're fortunate that we have an organization in the community that wants to become involved," said Claudine Souza from Burnaby Community Connections, which facilitates the bureau.

Souza noted that the team has also helped in the past with toys and ticket donations.

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Good sports: From left, Burnaby Express players Dylan Herold, Brad Reid and Konrad Sander help pack boxes in the toy room of the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. The hockey team is also collecting toys for the bureau at an upcoming home game.