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The Teamsters Union Teams Up with the Burnaby Christmas Bureau

This past weekend, the Teamsters Union was proud again to team up with the Burnaby Christmas Bureau in 2023. The Christmas Bureau is a charitable organization that helps families facing challenges during the holiday season by providing toys and dolls for children on Christmas day.

For the second year, the Teamsters Union picked up the remaining gifts wrapped on pallets by volunteers. The toys donated by the general public were loaded up and trucked from Brentwood Mall, where the Christmas Bureau has a storefront decorated with festive Christmas decorations.

From Brentwood Mall, the Union brought the toys to the office of Teamsters Local 155, the motion picture and tradeshow Local in British Columbia. The Local Union unloads and stores the Christmas gifts inside their office complex in Burnaby until September, when they are shipped back to the mall.

“The Burnaby Christmas Bureau is a big part of our community, and I can’t say enough about their positive impact on families in our city,” says Local 155 Secretary-Treasurer and Principal officer David Holm, “our Business Agent, Union Reps, Executive Board, and members are proud our Union is connected to such a worthy cause.”

Teamsters Local 31, who represent members in several labour jurisdictions and the public services in British Columbia, including freight and warehousing, transport the pallets of gifts. Local 31 arranges the trucking services, and its Business Agents help load and unload the Christmas gifts to and from the Local 155 office building.

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“A huge part about being a Teamster is being charitable,” said Local 31 President Stan Hennessy, “by combining our local resources with our sister Local 155, the Teamsters Union is proudly preserving our union traditions while serving the community.”

Once again, BC’s largest freight company Van-Kam Freightways Ltd., generously donated their equipment to support the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. Teamsters Director of Union Organizing Ben Hennessy proudly drove the company’s truck from its Surrey, BC terminal.

After moving two truckloads of toys and games for the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, the Teamsters Union applauds its Business Agents, Executive Board, and membership for their volunteer service. Also, the union recognizes the Burnaby Christmas co-ordinator Simone Brindl, including her entire support staff, for operating such a fantastic charity.

We look forward to working together again in preparation for Christmas 2023.

Pictured in the photograph are Local 155 representatives Secretary-Treasurer David Holm, Business Agent Shawn Henter, Jonathan Jakubec, Chris Bradford, Union Rep. Darrin Pearson, Trustee Rocky Goyal, Trustee Serena Caine and Courtney Tuckwood, and from Local 31 Secretary-Treasurer Caley Fieldhouse, Business Agents Mike Hennessy, Grant Coleman, Paul Simms, Lance Matricardi, the Director of Union Organizing Ben Hennessy, and Burnaby Christmas Bureau co-ordinator Simone Brandl.



Representatives from Teamsters Local 155 and Teamsters Local 31 give the thumbs up with Burnaby Christmas Bureau co-ordinator Simone Brandl after unloading skids of Christmas gifts into the Local 155 office in Burnaby, BC.