

LOCAL 31 AND LOCAL 155 HELP THE BURNABY CHRISTMAS BUREAU WAREHOUSE GIFTS FOR 2022

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On Sunday, February 6, Local 31 and Local 155 joined to help the Burnaby Christmas Bureau warehouse Christmas gifts destined for children in December 2022.

In late January, a friend of the Teamsters, Simone Brindle, contacted Director of Union Organizing Ben Hennessy in urgent need of help. A trucking company that generally donated a trailer to store Christmas gifts was no longer available to do the job. Also, the mall that had donated space to the Christmas organization needed to move out the 33 skids of boxes and 20 ft. of toy stuffies as soon as possible.

The Teamsters came to the rescue. Local 31 President Stan Hennessy and Local 155 Secretary-Treasurer David Holm mobilized the two local unions and its officers with a plan to help the Burnaby Christmas Bureau.

When all was said and done, officers from each local union volunteered their Sunday afternoon to load and unload 80ft. of trailer from the mall to the Local 155 building located in Burnaby. Local 31 drove its Peterbilt tractor to Van-Kam Freightways Ltd. and picked up a 40ft. trailer donated by the company.

The Burnaby Christmas Bureau can now be at peace knowing that the Teamsters Union will protect the Christmas gifts for kids. And as a friend to charity, the Teamsters Union is proud to help people and organizations in their time of need.

Local 31 proudly represents members in trucking, courier, public services, warehousing, bus and coach driving, and limousine chauffeurs. Local 155 proudly represents members in the movie industry, including drivers, security, catering, animal handling, wrangling, marine, automotive and miscellaneous employees in British Columbia.

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