

Res agents answer calls to help youth

People helping people. Acts of goodwill are frequent this time of year as those more fortunate lend helping hands to those in need. No better example of the spirit of giving can be found than within our reservations centers and support groups, where helping others is a year-round endeavor.

INTRO sponsors two cottages which are home for about 30 teenagers at the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem. To raise money, agents have held yard sales and sold baked items, and currently they are putting together a cookbook. Employees have parties for the teenagers, and remember each child on his or her birthday. In addition, this holiday season, INTRO agents are sponsoring two families—both part of the Piedmont family—which recently lost their homes and all their possessions in fires.

At BNARO, agents have held fashion shows, silent auctions, bake sales and raffles to raise money for children at the Tennessee Baptist Home. During the holidays, they have a Christmas party complete with Santa and a choral program. The children are remembered on their birthdays and during other holidays. Recently, agents took a group to a local baseball game.

Twenty-two children at the Osceola Children's Home go skating once a week and have movie night twice a month thanks to agents at MCORO. Children receive gifts and cards every holiday, and the agents are making sure that on Christmas morning, each child receives a present from Santa. To raise money for their project, agents recently held a bowlathon.

DCARO sponsors about 27 needy children recommended by the local social services department. Like the other offices, the children are remembered on their birthdays and other holidays. At Thanksgiving, agents provided a turkey and gift certificate for groceries for each child's family, and for Christmas, a party. Silent auctions plus a raffle for a quilt (see photo) are some of the ways employees have raised money.

Forty-five children at the Clark County Children's Home are given parties throughout the year by employees at DAYRO, and each child receives a birthday present. Bazaars and raffles are just a few of the ways agents raise money for their



To raise money to help needy children in their area, 20 DCARO agents made this 5-1/2-by-7 foot quilt as a tribute to Piedmont then held a raffle selling \$2 chances to DCARO employees to take the quilt home.

The quilt, made by employees on their own time, has 19 colorful squares and is signed by T.H. Davis, Piedmont's founder. Piedmont's fleet, our hubs, the Florida Shuttle, and the merger with Empire are just a few of the airline memorabilia highlighted.

Heading up the project were (l to r) Charleen Price, Joyce Knodell, an artist who drew up the design, and Linda Elliott. Sandy Sturgis, who moved this fall and is no longer with Piedmont, contributed her expertise as a quilter to the project.

Price noted: "We all have such pride in Piedmont and wanted to do something special for the company."

project. In addition during the holidays, these employees are stocking the shelves of two less fortunate families in the area.

UCARO sponsors The House of The Good Shepherd which is home for about 97 children. Bake sales, raffles, and car washes are just a few of the ways they have raised money for the project. This fall, they sponsored a fashion show in which the children participated. They have set a goal of \$15,000 to purchase new playground equipment for the home.

In addition, employees in the reserva-

tions administrations departments in Winston-Salem sponsor about 25 children in two cottages at Mills Home in Thomasville, and the reservations support areas help about 28 children at the Children's Home in Lexington.

These are just a few examples of Piedmont people helping others. And that's just what Christmas is all about.

Caring for others

Employees supported United Way campaigns around the system in a big way. Here are just three examples. At Charlotte, employees pledged over \$25,000. DCARO employees won their fifth Gold Award since the center opened in 1982. Ninety-five percent of the staff contributed an average of \$73 for a total gift of \$23,053, up 28 percent over last year. The 5,525 employees in Winston-Salem pledged \$256,786, a 35 percent increase over 1986's drive.

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Employees have attractively decorated the 95 airports Piedmont serves with all the traditional trimmings, but each station has its own special way of celebrating the holiday season. For example at CLT, employees invite children from a local elementary school to draw pictures which are displayed at the airport. The theme is "Christmas at the Airport," and about 50 drawings adorn the walls of our concourses. This year, the pictures are for sale, with the proceeds going to the children, many who are from needy families. If you travel through CLT over the holidays and see a picture you would like to purchase, contact Ann Broocks, assistant customer service manager.



DAYRO employees contributed more than 50 bags of groceries to several needy families to help them during the holidays. Seated among the bags of food shortly before they were delivered November 25 are (l to r) Tujuana Williams, Kevin Steinke, and Leah Schiller who headed up the project.



Eight hundred people in more than 230 families sat down to a traditional turkey dinner Thanksgiving day because of the generosity of Piedmont employees systemwide. Much of the praise goes to employees in our Avionics Shop. GSOMM, who raised over \$5,858 for the annual Piedmont Thanksgiving Food Drive. They donated a VCR, television, and cordless phone for their annual raffle, and sold tickets systemwide. John Leonard, a CLT-based pilot, won the television; a Winston-Salem resident, the VCR; and a passenger flying out of BGM, the cordless phone. "We couldn't have done it without all the help we received from people in every area of the company," Rudy Sutis, one of the raffle coordinators in Avionics, said. "Our people in Winston-Salem reservations sold 548 tickets, and in Charlotte, over 400 were sold. Fixed base, Madison Park, maintenance, crews—everyone contributed to make this the best year ever." Sunnie Cram, Marketing, INT, is in charge of the Thanksgiving project which has been in operation for nine years. The money raised by the Avionics Shop plus money and food contributed by other employees made this drive the largest ever.