Still time to donate for Catalog of Giving

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Abstract: Jessica Ramey, executive director of DIY Studio, was thrilled to get the color laser printer, she said, which was donated by John Gear Law Office.

Full text: On Thanksgiving, the Statesman Journal published the Catalog of Giving, a collection of the top wishes from local nonprofits.

We invited residents, families, friends and church groups to circle wishes in the catalog to fulfill.

Since then, winter jackets, children's pajamas, garden equipment, tea and coffee and even computer printers have shown up at local nonprofits.

Sable House, Polk County's domestic and sexual violence victim service's organization, had two people pay for repairs to its jeep. By next week it will have a new rear view mirror and a working back door.

One reader donated three winter jackets to the Assistance League of Salem-Keizer to help local school children in need.

Partnerships in Community Living and the DIY Studio both received computer printers from their lists.

Jessica Ramey, executive director of DIY Studio, was thrilled to get the color laser printer, she said, which was donated by John Gear Law Office.

Donations of coffee and tea are "pouring" in to Congregations Helping People, said Program Director Tiffany Ottis.

United Way has collected 30 pajama sets for kids, and the Keizer Parks Foundation received donations to pay for 23 personalized pickets for the picket fence that will surround the community playground.

"Robert Frost said 'good fences make good neighbors,' " said Jeanne Bond-Esser with the foundation. "Turns out that good neighbors make good fences, too."

Despite the flurry of donations, several nonprofits have not had any wishes fulfilled so far, including Liberty House, Stayton Community Food Bank, The Center for Inner Awareness, Oregon Symphony Association in Salem and Antique Powerland Museum Association, which admittedly has some pretty large needs.

But the Catalog of Giving will remain online until at least through the holiday, so there is plenty of time to fulfill more wishes.

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Catalog of Giving

Nonprofit needs range from children's socks and pajamas to microwaves. Search the catalog to see whether there is a need you can fill this season.

Go to StatesmanJournal.com/giving to see the catalog and the searchable database.

Or pick up a copy of the catalog at the Statesman Journal, 280 Church St. NE.

Let us in on the secret if you plan to surprise a local nonprofit so we can share in the moment. For more information or questions, contact Stefanie Knowlton at (503) 399-6735 or sknowlto@StatesmanJournal.com.

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