

Piper's Landing members collect toys and more than \$5,000 for Martin County's Angel Tree kids

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From left are Piper's Landing General Manager Brian Reich and Jeanne Lambdin, presenting Salvation Army lieutenants Andrea and Scott Hoover with 140 toys, nine bicycles, and \$5,035.

PALM CITY — On Dec. 9, lieutenants Scott and Andrea Hoover of The Salvation Army of Martin County were greeted with a mountain of children's gifts and donations. Through the Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club's annual Holiday Giving Night, members collected 140 toys, nine bikes, and \$5,035 in cash donations for The Salvation Army's local Angel Tree Program.

"Our members look forward to this evening all year long. Watching the gifts pile up under our tree was heartwarming," said Piper's Landing member Jeanne Lambdin, who coordinated the Holiday Giving drive. "For the past six years, we've witnessed how much joy these presents bring to children and how effective The Salvation Army is year-round in meeting the needs of our community. The organization is extremely efficient and prudent with the funding they receive."

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program has shared the thrill of opening the perfect gift with millions of needy children and teens since the late 1800's. Each October, Martin County's Angel Trees are placed at the Treasure Coast Mall and other businesses with individual tags for each child's wish list. This year the program is responsible for fulfilling the wishes of 1,575 children, an increase of 100 from last year.

“By mid-December, the Angel Tree branches are usually bare, but this year many tags still remain on the trees,” said Lieutenant Hoover. “Even as generous as Martin County residents are, times are difficult for everyone, and we still have 250 children’s names to be adopted. Thankfully, Piper’s Landing members always take some of these children under their wing. We couldn’t meet all of our Angel kids’ needs without them.”

Martin County residents can still help by picking up a few extra unwrapped gifts during holiday shopping and dropping them off to The Salvation Army Toy Shop at 1860 S.E. Federal Highway in Stuart. Toys will be distributed to children on Dec. 20.

To find other donation drop-offs throughout the Treasure Coast, go to www.uss.salvationarmy.org and click on the “Locations” page.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for 130 years in the United States. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. Eighty-two cents of every dollar spent is used to carry out those services in 5,000 communities nationwide.

For more information, go to www.salvationarmyusa.org or call 772-288-1471.

About Piper’s Landing

Piper’s Landing Yacht & Country Club is a private, luxury gated community located in Palm City. With 302 residences nestled among 600 acres, Piper’s Landing is known for its lush, spacious grounds including a 6,832-yard championship golf course, secluded waterfront, Har-Tru tennis courts, and nature preserves. Its yacht basin has become renowned for the rare combination of superb access to the St. Lucie River and Atlantic Ocean, yet has been naturally protected for hundreds of years. For more information, visit www.piperslanding.com or contact real estate agent Randy Wisniewski at 772-283-2164 or realestaterandy@bellsouth.net.

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