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SPIRIT OF GIVING: Khowutzun Group of Companies unite to make Christmas brighter for Cowichan Families

Duncan, BC. – On December 16, 2003, all of the Cowichan Tribes owned and operated companies will deliver a truckload of toys, food, and handmade gifts to the Cowichan Tribes Christmas Hamper headquarters.

The Khowutzun Development Corporation, the Khowutzun Millwork & Joinery, the Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre, the Khowutzun Forest Services and the Khowutzun Mustimuhw Contractors LP have jointly donated over \$2000 worth in toys and books, 13 cases of food and just over 100 hand-made children's stools.

"The donation comes at a time when many Cowichan Tribes families are in most need," says Chief Harvey Alphonse. "The generosity of our companies and the employees who have contributed to the Christmas Hampers is of valuable benefit to our community."

The Khowutzun Millwork & Joinery, the Cowichan Tribes cabinet company, has produced about 100 children's step-stools to donate to the hampers.

The Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre has signed up with the North Douglas/Sysco Kick One In! program and have donated over 12 cases of food.

The Khowutzun Mustimuhw Contractors, the Khowutzun Forest Services and the Khowutzun Development Corporation have all contributed to the \$2000 worth of toys and books that will be given to the Cowichan Hampers.

"The Cowichan Tribes Christmas Hamper program has been in place for over 20 years and provides groceries and Christmas gifts to Cowichan Tribes families in need," says Program Coordinator – Chip Seymour. "We have about 100 volunteers each year from the Cowichan Community, and community supporters like Duncan Christian School students."

Cowichan Tribes hopes to deliver over 200 Christmas Hampers this year to Cowichan families who are in need of assistance.

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