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CORRECTION:

Tennessee National Guard gives back to local community

NASHVILLE, TN -- The Tennessee National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters staff collected items for 40 local children as part of the Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree project, Monday, December 9.

"There are a lot of kids who wouldn't have a Christmas present if not for this program," said Chief Master Sgt. Buffy Burton, Superintendent, Knowledge Operations, Tennessee Air National Guard Joint Force Headquarters.

Chief Burton has supported the Angel Tree Project for many years, and has been able to get support from her fellow Guard members for the last three years. This year, they supported 40 Angels.

"The last two years, we have only supported 25 Angels, so this year is definitely the most we have been able to help so far," said Burton.

"It's a wonderful feeling to be able to help others, especially during the Christmas season," said Brig. Gen. Donald Johnson, Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Tennessee National Guard. "When the Chief asked, I immediately said yes! As Guard members, helping others is what we do."

In addition to helping the Angels this holiday season, the Air National Guard Headquarters staff is also scheduled to serve people at the Nashville Rescue Mission tomorrow, December 10, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

"It is important for our National Guard family to give back to families in the community who have always supported us," said Johnson. "As National Guardsmen, we are citizen Airmen and Soldiers, and we serve the citizens of the state through more than just military actions, by giving to the local communities in which we serve."

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CAPTION: Brig. Gen. Donald Johnson, Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Tennessee National Guard, sits among the mass of items the Tennessee National Guard Joint Force Headquarters staff members collected to support the Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree Program. (Photo by Master Sgt. Robin Olsen, TN National Guard Joint Public Affairs.)