

Legion, community step up

Editor:

Christmas was looking pretty grim for Bullhead City family.

A family of 10, both parents had lost their job just before the holidays. Gifts were far from their minds; they were more worried that their electricity would soon be turned off. That's when the Bullhead City community came together under the leadership of Mohave Valley's American Legion Auxiliary.

Bryan Ferber served and was injured in Afghanistan as a Navy Seal; part of the American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to serve veterans and military families.

The Mohave Valley American Legion Auxiliary often adopts a military family in-need around the holidays.

"It was clear this family could use a hand up," said Janice Williamson, Auxiliary unit member and district president of the local area American Legion Auxiliary. "That's when we turned to the community to help us, help them."

Employees of Bullhead City Safeway collected gently used and new clothing and new toys for the family. The store's general manager approved and provided Christmas dinner, including two turkeys.

Aquarius Casino Resort donated and delivered a live Christmas tree.

"The family was so happy and astonished when the Aquarius folks showed up with that gorgeous tree

upon a flatbed truck," said TJ White, the American Legion Auxiliary's unit president.

Under the tree were wrapped gifts galore from all over the community. Contributors included Fort Mohave residents and VFW Riders members Wendell and Tanya Jones, Bullhead City's Fire Department, Safeway employees, the entire Mohave Valley American Legion Post 87 family (veterans, Auxiliary, Riders & Sons of the American Legion) its members and friends. The American Legion Auxiliary also prepaid the family's electric bill and provided a sizeable gift card for future needs.

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