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GPA Donates Canned Goods to The Salvation Army and Toys to Aleo Shelter in Time for the Holidays

GPA continues its annual tradition of including special community-focused outreach benefitting local non-profit organizations as part of its annual Public Power Week celebration

(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) announced today that as part of its annual Public Power Week (PPW) celebration, it has collected more than 2,800 food items for The Salvation Army to benefit island families in need and more than 600 toys for Aleo Shelter Guam’s children. GPA employees hosted the month-long canned food drive and toy drive from September 18 to October 18, 2024 to help The Salvation Army stock up their food pantries, and this year, GPA added a special toy drive to make the holiday season brighter for Guam’s children.

Each year, during the first week of October, GPA joins public power utilities across the U.S. in celebrating Public Power Week and community-owned electric utilities.

GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. said, “As part of our annual celebration as Guam’s public power agency, our team continues its tradition of serving the community through much-needed food and toy drives to benefit our island’s families and children in need. I applaud and commend the more than 400 employees of GPA for organizing this year’s Public Power Outreach and for their commitment to serve our local community.”

GM Benavente added, “On behalf of the CCU and GPA’s Management team, we thank GPA employees, Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) management & employees, our energy partners, and our customers for joining us in the 2024 community-focused outreach to benefit our community. We are proud of this year’s results, which were made possible by their incredible teamwork.”



GPA hosts canned food drive to benefit The Salvation Army and help fill their food pantries

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, GPA presented The Salvation Army with donations collected during the month-long canned food drive.

This year, GPA collected and contributed **2,827** food items for The Salvation Army. Items such as canned meats, seafood, vegetables, fruits, condiments, and beans plus dry items such as coffee, shelf-stable milk, rice, pasta, and crackers were packed in boxes ready for pick up. GPA employees sorted the food donations and loaded the boxes into The Salvation Army trucks bound for its food pantries in Tiyan.

GM Benavente added, “The Salvation Army expressed a need to fill their shelves, and we were happy to support this wonderful organization in getting much-needed food items into the community where they’re needed most. We encourage the community to consider donating food items to The Salvation as they prepare to feed families for Thanksgiving and into the Christmas season.”

In 2023, GPA collected and contributed **2,628** food items and **128** supplies for Catholic Social Service.





GPA hosts toy drive to benefit the children at Alee Shelter in time for the holidays

On Monday, October 21, 2024, GPA employees met to sort and pack the new toys bound for the Alee Shelter. The next day, GPA employees loaded boxes in trucks and delivered them to the Alee Shelter Guam officials at Catholic Social Service.

GPA's management and staff collected **627** toy items for children, which included new dolls, clothing, sports equipment, puzzles, books, arts and craft supplies, remote-controlled cars, board games, blocks, figurines, stuffed animals, scooters, technology items, and more. GPA also donated energy-related activity books for the children.

GM Benavente said, "Guam's non-profit organizations continue to do a great job of supporting our residents in most need, and our employees look forward to our annual Public Power Week outreach activities. Once again, on behalf of the CCU and GPA's Management team, we thank GPA employees, GWA's management & employees, our energy partners, and the community for supporting these non-profit organizations' vital work in our community."



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