

Sharing the Holiday Spirit

The tree in the lobby of the Union City headquarters of Southern Wine & Spirits of Northern California has been busy spot this Christmas season. Each

year, names of children who need a little help from Santa Claus (or one of his elves) to provide a gift on Christmas Day are hung on the tree. Employees

can choose those they would like to help by donating an appropriate present. This year, 190 children will receive a present courtesy of these wonderful Santa helpers! Alice Damante, Administrative Assistant in the Operations Department and this year's coordinator of holiday festivities said that the response was "phenomenal." She said they started with about seventy-five names and employees kept asking for more.

To kick off the season, Southern Wine & Spirits of Northern California invited about 150 children to its 13th annual Holiday Party. Some attendees added to the barrels of food collected by company employees for local shelters. Union City Mayor Mark Green and Councilmember Carol Dutra-Vernaci were on hand to start the festivities. Excited kids, both employees' children and invited guests from local shelters were greeted by plenty of goodies and awed by local magician, Ryan

Adler, who made the impossible look easy. He baffled even the most jaded viewers when he cut a woman in half and then reassembled her. The evening's festivities were topped off by a visit from Santa Claus. All attendees received a movie pass to use during their

school vacation and a bag of magic tricks. The party hosted by employee volunteers with the help of high school students who earn community service credit was a resounding success. Southern Wine & Spirits wishes a happy holiday season to everyone!



L to R: Gary Nedd, V.P. Operations, Gregg Risley, Operations Manager, Union City Councilmember Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Union City Mayor Mark Green, Alice Damante, Admin. Assistant and Colin Shutts, Facility Manager join the holiday festivities at Southern Wine & Spirits of Northern California