



Always Moving Forward



Evergreens Benefit

For the past 10+ years A&K's Salt Lake office has been attending and participating in the Safe Harbor Evergreens Benefit which is a fundraiser for the Safe Harbor Crisis Center which serves women and children of domestic abuse. The main event of the Benefit consists of businesses and individuals from across the Wasatch front that donate fully decorated Christmas trees that are sold during a live auction. There is also a craft boutique and silent auction that get the event underway each year. Many months of planning go into all the items donated, but especially the Christmas trees which are a huge undertaking.



Lisa Earl, Janet Walker, Shantell Higbee, Cindy Merrell, Rhonda Nicoloff, Denise Burnside, Kristy Zukeran

This event has become a labor of love for many of our people in Salt Lake as well as their friends and families. A&K was able to donate two trees for the event this year and Cindy Merrell and Shantell Higbee led the teams to purchase all the supplies, decorate the trees, transport and set them up in the convention center and wire on all the decorations. Cindy was assisted by her husband Bob and daughter Melissa Burnett as well as Denise Burnside and Kristy Zukeran. Over the years "Cindy's trees" have brought in \$34,750 for the shelter. Honorable mention also goes out to Charlie Hubbard (Balfour Beatty, formerly with A&K) who donated the 13 foot flocked tree to Cindy's group. From A&K Janet Walker and Lisa and Bill Earl were part of "Team Shantell" along with her friend Stephanie Worwood. Special mention this year also needs to go out to Lisa Earl and her sister Laura Winnett who have made doll beds that were donated to the craft boutique for the past few years.

I am so proud of everyone here that has participated in some way, whether by donating, supporting, and attending the annual event. This year A&K was awarded recognition as the longest term event supporter.

To whom much is given, much is expected.

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— submitted by Rhonda Nicoloff



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Employee News

The Annual Johnson County Old Settlers Parade, the largest parade in the state of Kansas, was held in September. It has an average of 160 entries, including 16 area High School and Middle School bands, numerous club and organization entries and several commercial floats. The parade is attended by between 65,000 and 75,000 people. The parade theme this year was: "Out of this World!" This year's Cub Scout float was designed by Sandy Groff. Pack 3387 boys, including her son Weston, helped build Khetanna, better known as Jabba's sail barge (Star Wars). The ship included Jabba Desilijic Tiure, better known as Jabba the Hutt. The pack won first place in the Youth Float competition. Congratulations boys!



Snapshots!



Bryan Smith, Field Operations, recently attended a Raffles Risk Workshop. The safety meetings were held in Philadelphia where Bryan happened to meet none other than Benjamin Franklin! I'd say Ben's looking rather well for his age!

The Groff Halloween Family Photo: Sandy – Queen of Hearts, Jeremy – King of Hearts, Kyle – Jester, Clarissa – Alice, Blake – White Rabbit, Weston – Mad Hatter



Thanksgiving was 2 weeks early in Kansas City. The Trackwork group (pictured), along with a lot of help from some of the yard employees, hosted a Mexican/Thanksgiving theme lunch with LOTS of food! On the menu:

- Steak, Shrimp & Chicken Fajitas
- Chips & Guacamole, Pico de Gallo (both from scratch), Salsa (3 different types), Sour Cream
- Veggies with sausage
- Potatoes, Zucchini, Rice
- Cheese stuffed jalapenos wrapped in bacon
- Dessert: Cheesecake, Apple Pie and French Silk Pie

Jose Ortiz was the grill master extraordinaire...rumor has it that Bobby Flay's got nothing on Jose's grilling technique!



Jose Ortiz



Front: Karl Renner, Jordan Smith, Pengyun Shen, Michelle Giddens
Back: Jim Sharp, Angelica Rodriguez, Greg Cornett, Jose Ortiz, Nicole Atwood

Top Performers for October 2015

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Jeff Long Salt Lake City, Utah

Jim Huenefeldt Kansas City, Kansas

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Beth Wyatt Kansas City, Kansas



Jeff Long



Jim Huenefeldt



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