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## Carson City Court Employees Serve Families and Seniors Beyond the Courthouse

For 15 years, employees of the First Judicial District Court, Carson City Justice and Municipal Court and Alternative Sentencing Department adopt families and seniors for the holiday season. Through employee and judge donations, gifts and food are given to families from Advocates to End Domestic Violence and to seniors to brighten their holidays.

For the past three years, employees have been serving breakfast and lunches. Beginning on October 5, 2016, employees rotated each week and provided Hot Deli Sandwiches, Breakfast Burritos, Tortellini Soup, Crab Bisque, Potato Bar, Biscuits and Gravy, Chili, and Mexican Food. After each event, serving dishes that were topping over with food were empty.

Employees, who cooked during the night and brought food to work the next day, were asked “Why do you do it?” Wendy Yang shared, “I have been with the courts for 9 years and we have always adopted a family. We did the donation luncheons to help boost up the funds. I’m a giver, I feel extremely blessed and fortunate for the job I have and the amount of money I make, therefore I want to give back, kind of like paying it forward for those that are not as blessed as I am.”

Leslie Nichols shared, “The year I started in 2001, I asked the clerks if they would be interested in adopting a family. I started collecting donations that year to adopt families. I have been so fortunate in my life. I was raised with a strong sense of community and we were always taught that paying it forward is being an invested member of your community. I love to give.”

After washing the serving dishes, the money was counted. This year, the events raised \$900 in 9 weeks. Employees then shop, wrap, and deliver the gifts and food to smiling and sometimes, tearful faces of families and seniors.