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## Angel Tree program helps foster kids celebrate the holidays

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Orinda office to participate in an ongoing program that supports Contra Costa County foster children. Specifically, to provide gifts and new clothes to those county foster children that otherwise would receive little or nothing at this time of gift-giving and good cheer.

Over 20 years ago, local realtor Dick Holt challenged his

Coldwell Banker Orinda has continued to participate in this program each year. This year, Coldwell Banker's support of the Angel Tree program will help over 70 local foster children have a brighter holiday.

Pictured is the annual collection of gifts about to be loaded onto Santa's sleigh in front of the Coldwell Banker Orinda office and then delivered to the County Children and Family Welfare staff for ultimate delivery to the children. These gifts were provided by "Angels" (Coldwell Banker Orinda agents, office staff, and numerous clients

Photo provided

that have chosen to get involved).

The foster children who receive these gifts are personally chosen by the county staff based upon their need and situation. Their "wish lists" are then forwarded to "Angel" organizations such as Coldwell Banker Orinda, as well as local churches and other generous organizations, that have volunteered to take on the commitment to fill them.

When asked about the Angel Tree program and how it relates to his office, Manager, Jeff Gillett responded, "I am proud and impressed that our busy agents and staff still choose to take time and effort to think about those less fortunate, and to help a very needy cause at this time of year." Anyone interested in participating or learning more about the Angel Tree program should contact Dick Holt at (925) 297-9150.

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