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GBRA establishes Employee Volunteer Program

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SEGUIN. . . .A new Employee Volunteer Program at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority is attracting tremendous interest and participation by GBRA employees and their families, said board chairman Pamela Hodges. According to the program's guidelines, GBRA employees may volunteer to help non-profit or government organizations engaged in civic, health, education, social services and other charitable pursuits.

"We are extremely proud of this employee-created and administered program," said Hodges. "Their contributions are strictly voluntary and unpaid and come from a sincere desire to make their communities a better place for everyone."

The program is based on successful models from other organizations and was officially launched last December during the Christmas season. Because GBRA operates plants and facilities throughout its ten-county district, the holiday projects were consolidated into the upper and lower river basin to make it easier for employees to participate.

In the upper basin, employee volunteers from Seguin donated toys, food and wrapping paper for the Blue Santa Program, wrapped gifts at the Five Courts Mall on December 11 and 18 and helped deliver them to families just before Christmas. Seguin Youth Services also received the program's support with employees reading to children and donating stocking stuffers.

GBRA employees in Lockhart supported the Red Santa program through the Lockhart Fire Department while Luling employees donated pet food to their local Animal Shelter.

In the lower basin, GBRA employees from Coletto Creek, Victoria and Port Lavaca chose to support the Toys for Tots and Blue Santa programs. They donated food, wrapping paper and toys and helped wrap gifts on December 19th in Victoria at the old McCoy's building on Highway 59. They also donated coats for elementary school children and turkeys and other food items to the Eagles Lodge Annual Christmas Dinner.

Future plans include "Our Day to Shine," a company-wide volunteer project on March 24 and an Awards Banquet in September to honor all volunteers.