

# Gateway Angel Tree



Gateway staffer Denise Chavez and volunteer Amanda Sinatra get the Angel Tree ready for clients.

bikes, on Tuesday, Dec. 20 as part of its Christmas Special Touch.

"These are specific, wrapped gifts for the children of our clients," Denise Chavez, of Gateway, said of the annual Angel Tree event. "We have gifts for 60 children today. Because we do case management, we know which families are in need [and what the needs are]. When we contact them, they are so delighted that we're even thinking of them at this time of year!"

Chavez explained that Tuesday's unwrapped toy event benefited their clients' children as well as children from the Diagnostic Center of Ft. Lauderdale.

"We partner with them. They are special-needs kids," she said.

Among the area businesses that adopted a family for Christmas was Kendra Scott Jewelry (411 Plaza Real, in Mizner Park, Boca Raton).

By Diane Emeott

"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets their wings!" — Zuzu, from Frank Capra's holiday classic movie, *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Michandr browsed through bins of holiday items outside Gateway on Monday morning, Dec. 19, finding toys, decorations,

and strings of lights for her boy and a girl at home; while upstairs, Francois picked up wrapped gifts and cookies for his three kids from under the Angel Tree.

Gateway Community Outreach, at 291 SE 1 Terr. in Deerfield Beach, hosted a second event featuring unwrapped toys, including

They did jewelry for the parents and toys, and clothing for the kids, according to Chavez. Old Navy (9887 Glades Rd. in Shadowood Square, Boca Raton) also adopted a family. Happy Healthy Hygiene donated personal care packages for 60, each containing a full-size bottle of shampoo,

matching conditioner, soap and a comb.

"This is a personal charity that young Linda Saraniti created. She wanted to do something for our organization personally," Chavez said.

Again this year, Amanda Sinatra, daughter of Libby Sinatra, the director of

Steeple On The Beach Montessori School in Deerfield, volunteered to help with both the Angel Tree and Unwrapped Gift event.

"I sorted all the gifts so they would know which gifts are for which family. I also helped organize all the unwrapped gifts downstairs," Amanda said.



Francois picks up gifts for his three kids.



Michandr looks through toys and holiday items.

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