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**SANTA'S ELVES MAKING DELIVERIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS**

**Carson City**—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Aging Services (DAS), volunteers will be helping Santa fulfill his mission by delivering gifts to homebound seniors in the Carson City area on Wednesday, December 19. The gifts were purchased through donations from the Carson City community and will be personally delivered by DAS staff members from the Carson City and Reno offices.

This will mark the third year the DAS Elves have volunteered their own time to help make the Holiday Season a little brighter for seniors living in our community who cannot get out of their home for various reasons. The volunteers will spend lunchtime with residents of the Carson City Senior Center before loading up their sleigh with gifts. This year, DAS Elves will be delivering gifts to about 30 homebound seniors. In all, some 100 seniors will receive gifts from donations provided by the community.

DAS, which provides services to senior residents at the Carson City Senior Center and throughout the community, got involved in the program in 2005 when a DAS employee noticed mounds of gifts at the Center awaiting delivery. Charles Daniels, Social Service Director for the Carson City Senior Center, got the okay for DAS to lend a hand and Santa's Elves have been taking on the task ever since.

For more information about the program or to schedule an interview at the Carson City Senior Center, please call Charles Daniels at 883-0703. For more information about the services provided by DAS, go to <http://aging.state.nv.us/index.htm>.

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