

# LTN subscribers helping fill empty food pantries

*Lake Tahoe News* is going grocery shopping. We are taking money each week from the paid subscriptions and going to different stores in the area – to keep that shop local vibe alive – and then what we buy is going to be distributed to groups in need.

Joanne Shope, who runs Christmas Cheer in South Lake Tahoe, said as of this week there are toy requests from 703 children and frozen turkey requests for 450 families. She added that the shelves are bare and the need is great. Christmas Cheer is open Monday and Wednesdays from 11am-2pm and Sundays from 2-4pm. They are located at 1120 Third St.

We'll be by with goods on Sunday.

Originally for every paid subscriber form *Lake Tahoe News* received between now and the end of the year, we were going to give one non-perishable food item to entities in the basin that are in need. We've at least doubled that commitment.

Paid subscribers help *Lake Tahoe News* in two key ways – the more forms we have, the better for attaining adjudication, and cash keeps electric bills paid so the computers stay on and reporters get paid.

A benefit to being a paid subscriber is that you become part of the NEWS Team. From time-to-time we give away things – with the last being two tickets to the Soroptimist wine tasting.

Credit goes to longtime *LTN* supporter Old Long Skis for coming up with the subscriber-food drive. He's even volunteered his truck to deliver all the goods. He's that confident *LTN* will have that much food to donate after all the subscriber forms come in.

Here is a copy of a subscriber form.

– *Kathryn Reed, LTN publisher*