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Albury ATO staff dig deep to help locals in need this Christmas

Staff at the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in Albury today donated hundreds of gifts and food items to local charities in an effort to help locals in need this Christmas.

Representatives from The Salvation Army and Uniting Wodonga attended a special event at the ATO's office in Albury today to receive the donated goods in what has become an annual tradition going back over a decade.

Representatives from Carevan, AgBiz Care and the Albury/Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust were also on hand to receive almost \$5,000 raised by staff throughout the year from a range of smaller fundraising activities.

Albury-based ATO Assistant Commissioner Kath Anderson, said the donations were a testament to the generosity and community spirit of staff at the Albury office.

“Our staff are very community-minded and are always prepared to help others in the local community.

“Here in Albury, we take a proactive approach to helping the local community through a dedicated charity group who go above and beyond their daily duties to coordinate corporate giving and fundraising activities on behalf of the 900-odd employees in this office.

“Each year the charity group meets to determine where to focus our efforts based on the evolving needs of the community. This means the charities and local groups we support changes from year to year.

“Over the past five years, staff from the Albury office have donated over \$100,000 to local organisations through campaigns at Christmas and Easter and through participation in Relay for Life and Movember initiatives.

“From donations of gifts and food, to baking competitions and chocolate sales, almost every employee at the Albury ATO gives back to the community in some way. This is something that the ATO is particularly proud of,” said Ms Anderson.

The ATO acknowledges the tireless efforts of The Salvation Army, Uniting Wodonga, Carevan, AgBiz Care and the Albury/Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust and commends these organisations on the tremendous work they do within the Albury-Wodonga community.