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Renton service clubs come together to bring Christmas to children

Annual gift-giving event brings joy to more than 80 local children

Dec. 15, 2009—Renton area service clubs have again joined together to brighten the holidays for local children.

Members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Renton and Renton Soroptimists today hosted the annual Children's Holiday Luncheon where more than 80 area children were treated to lunch and special Christmas gifts.

The clubs work with local elementary schools to identify students who's Christmas can be made a



bit brighter by a caring community member. Club members take the wish lists of students and set out shopping, purchasing special gifts that the children might not otherwise receive.

The event takes place at United Methodist Church of Renton, where students from all of the Renton School District's 13 elementary schools come during their lunch period to enjoy Christmas carols, a meal provided by local McDonald's restaurant and a visit by Ronald McDonald.



After a bit of caroling, children are surprised with a visit by Santa Claus who comes bearing gifts selected and wrapped especially for each individual child.