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One of the blessings of this time of year is the chance it gives us to connect with you, our valued customers and colleagues.



We are so grateful and fortunate to work with your organization, because the relationships we share with you are what makes our work so successful and enjoyable.



We look forward to serving you in the New Year, wishing you and your families the very warmest holiday greetings.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



Throughout the year we have covered a wide array of topics that are important to you as a participant in the international trade industry.

With the holidays upon us, it's a time where we reflect on our intrinsic values, shifting our focus to the friends and family in our lives. We see how quickly another year has passed us by so quickly.

At John S. James Co. the communities in which we work and live are very important to us, and not only during the holidays but throughout the course of the year .

We are very fortunate and grateful to receive the loyalty and support from the areas in which we serve. It is in the spirit of this gratitude that inspires us to give back to these communities

with our time, work, dedication and appreciation.

Up to this point, you have become well-acquainted with the service aspect of John S. James Co. In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to showcase some of the other work we have performed in our communities.

Pulling Together In a Time of Need

Although many months have passed, February marked a very sad month for the city of Port Wentworth, Georgia. On February 8th, that a devastating explosion occurred at the Imperial Sugar Factory. Easter marked the first holiday for the victims who remained hospitalized. The employees at the sugar factory arranged an Easter service and dinner for the families affected.

Since there are several children of family members that would be attending, the John S. James Savannah office offered to provide decorated eggs for an Easter egg hunt after lunch.



Altogether, over 10 dozen decorated eggs were provided.



By May, the tragic events of Port Wentworth escaped the attention of the front page headlines, but there was still a significant need for action. It was in this month John S. James Co. answered the call for the Sheppard Community Blood Center.

The company provided transportation and time off for those employees who wished to give blood. The victims would be facing multiple surgeries for months to come and would have required tremendous amounts of blood and blood products.



The Union Mission in Savannah is

In The Spirit of Giving

an organization that provides shelter for men, women and families, short and long term housing assistance and several other outreach activities. The John S. James Savannah office took up a collection to assist with the "Children Helping Children" campaign and presented over 2,400 back to school items to the shelter.

The Charleston office hosted weekly raffles throughout the year to raise money for the Palmetto Project's annual "Families Helping Families" program.



The grand total amounted to nearly \$1,400.00! The office "adopted" two needy families to help provide gifts for Christmas. This is an annual tradition in the Charleston office. After the gifts were purchased, employees took time

to go and wrap the gifts, which were then delivered to the donation center.



Also within the past month, In support of our United States Military, the Charleston staff donated holiday treats and items for care packages for our troops serving in Afghanistan (USAF) and Iraq (US ARMY).

We are ultimately thankful for you. Because without YOUR support, John S. James Co. would not be able to be so involved in our communities.



This month alone, a company-wide prize- raffle was held and nearly \$800 was raised, all of which will be going to the Union Mission.



Christmas Facts Did You Know???

From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was outlawed in Boston, and law-breakers were fined five shillings.

Christmas wasn't a holiday in early America—in fact Congress was in session on December 25, 1789, the country's first Christmas under the new constitution. In fact, Christmas wasn't declared a Federal Holiday until June 26, 1870.

Rudolph, "the most famous reindeer of all," was the product of Robert L. May's imagination in 1939. The copywriter wrote a poem about the reindeer to help lure customers into the Montgomery Ward department store.



Each year, 30-35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States alone. There are 21,000 Christmas tree growers in the United States. Trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.



In the Middle Ages, Christmas celebrations were rowdy and raucous—a lot like today's Mardi Gras parties.

John S. James Co. Employee Anniversaries

We would like to acknowledge the contributions of the following JSJ employees, wishing them a happy anniversary in December

- Adele Brame 21 years
- Karen Cooper 14 years
- Jack Staggs 13 years
- Nancy Hawkins 4 years
- Tom King 2 years

We are proud to recognize these employees for their dedication and service with us. We are fortunate to have all of you. We thank you all for your loyalty and hard work. We are proud to have you on our team!!!

