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Photo by Senior Airman Danella Shea

From sleigh to C-17

The Christman family shares a moment with Santa Clause on board a C-17 aircraft on the Dover Air Force Base, Del., flightline Dec. 4. In addition to working at the North Pole, Santa also goes by Chaplain (Maj.) Barry Ball when working in the 512th Airlift Wing's Chapel Office. The 436th Airman & Family Readiness Center sponsored the event, which drew about 500 families to have their picture taken with Santa.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andria J. Allmond

Final countdown to Tops in Blue

Staff Sgt. Marco Washington, a 512th Maintenance Group mechanic, poses for the camera at Dover Air Force Base, Del., prior to leaving for his 10-day audition with the Air Force's Worldwide Talent Search, Dec. 4, 2010, at Lackland AFB, Texas. Those who make it through the competition will become part of **Tops in Blue**, an elite group composed of 35 vocalists, musicians, dancers, comedians, magicians and dramatists worldwide. Read how a trip to the commissary turned into his big break in the full story located at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123233476>.

Wing exceeds goal to fill C-5 tire for charity

Despite frigid temperatures, 512th Airlift Wing Airmen took shifts Dec. 4 manning a food drive event, designed to garner enough goods to fill the inside of a C-5 tire.

Donations got off to a slow start in the base theater's parking lot, but by the end of the second wing commander's call, there were enough canned goods and supplies to fill a couple of C-5 tires.

Prior to the drive, organizers attained wish-list items from Mom's House and The Shepherd Place. Almost all of the requested items came in, and they were delivered Dec. 5-6. In addition, about \$400 worth of food was donated to the Delaware Food Bank.

"The proceeds from this event help demonstrate our Citizen Airman connection to the communities we live and work in," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander. "It's an honor to be able to share with oth-

ers during this holiday season."

The Shepherd Place provides relief to individuals and families who are in distress or dire economic situations and serves as a short-term emergency shelter for the homeless.

At Mom's Place, pre-school children receive quality care and early education while their single parents are plugged into a network of supportive services that enable them to complete their education, find jobs and get off of welfare, according to their website.

The Food Bank of Delaware's mission is a community free of hunger. They provide low and no-cost food to qualified feeding programs throughout the state.

From single cans to bulk buys, every donation made this event a success. Units who provided noteworthy contributions include the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, the 512th Force Support Squadron, the 46th Aerial Port Squadron,

the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, the 512th AW Command Seciton and the 512th First Sergeants Council. (Courtesy 512th AW Public Affairs)