

**BUILDING COMMUNITY**



**HELPING THE HOMELESS:** Young union members at IBEW Local 48 collected warm clothes, blankets, shoes, and socks to donate to the Union Gospel Mission. It is the third year that the young unionists — part of “Reach out and Energize Next-gen Electrical Workers, or RENEW” — have collected clothes for the homeless. Prior to delivering the items to the Union Gospel Mission on Dec. 10, the group did 80 loads of laundry to get all the items clean. IBEW stewards working at Intel also collected \$500 from construction workers, used to buy waterproof socks. After delivering the items on Dec. 10, a half-dozen RENEW members volunteered at the Union Gospel downtown, helping to sort clothes, blankets, and other items. Volunteering were Samer Obeid, Kennitha Wade, Kim Cole, Terry Reigle, and Tracey Powers.



**IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON:** Members of the Longview/Kelso Building and Construction Trades Council (LK-BCTC) and the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Central Labor Council (CWCLC) on Dec. 7 unloaded 1,800 pounds of hams to the Lower Columbia Community Action Program (CAP). The donation, which the councils have done annually since 2009, will help more than 400 senior citizens in Longview and the surrounding region, as well as families in need of a holiday meal. The two councils donated \$2,000 to purchase the hams at Cascade Select Market, a unionized grocer in Longview. Making the delivery from left to right are: Cameron Wilkinson of Plumbers and Fitters Local 26, Bob Lee of the International Chemical Workers Union Local 747, Ilona Kerby executive director of CAP, Shawn Nyman of Service Employees Local 925 and president of CWCLC, Mike Bridges of IBEW 48 and president of LKBCTC, Tara McEligot of Local 747, and Christina Daniels of IBEW Local 48.

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