

Holiday Spirit Lives On as Sirois Tool Helps 68 Children Sleep Warm at Night

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Generosity continued to shine at Sirois Tool, where the holiday party's annual auction and raffle gave employees the opportunity to support those in need. This year the gift-giving included 68 pairs of pajamas donated to the Pajama Program, along with 78 children's books.

According to Trish Carone, Administrative Manager for Sirois Tool, they weren't sure how the new donation idea would go over. She explained that past fundraising efforts usually included toy buying. Then the pajamas started coming in.

"I didn't think we would get any books," Carone said, because employees seemed unaware of that option. But due to the amount of books donated and their outstanding titles, she decided "the wives must have read it."

With the help of the local GFWC, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the items were wrapped and distributed through the Pajama Program. PajamaProgram.org was founded in 2001 to give children in group homes, shelters, and foster homes the gift of a bedtime story and warm pajamas.

Sirois Tool's forty-eight employees didn't stop there. Some opted to give the cash the company would have spent on their annual Thanksgiving turkey. Another \$1500 was collected for Berlin Family Services through raffle tickets and live auction, all items donated by company employees. And what was going to be a collection to purchase a gift for the owner and two office staff turned into a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project.

In the twenty-three years Carone has worked for Sirois Tool, she has seen a tradition that sprung from a beer mug raffle, where raffle tickets are placed in beer mugs, grow into a lavish charitable event.

Sirois Tool manufactures precision tooling, jigs, fixtures, machine parts, and custom gages. They specialize in Custom ID Grinding Quills and other spindle parts and accessories as well as complex, precision parts and assemblies. Other Sirois Tool companies include Dow Gage, manufacturer of a line of Dow-Gages for in-process and post-process inspection of precision-machined parts and North American Spring Tool, a world leader in tooling for the spring and wire industry.

