

Arco Alaska brightens Christmas with donations totaling \$26,000

Special Christmas donations were made by Arco Alaska Inc. to groups working to brighten Christmas for the needy in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

The \$26,000 in Christmas gifts is in addition to the estimated \$540,000 in grants made during 1986 by Arco Alaska and the Atlantic Richfield Foundation to nonprofit organizations in Alaska. United Way contributions are not included in the total.

Rebecca Parker, Arco's government and community affairs director for Southcentral Alaska, said the Christmas gifts will go to groups providing food baskets and gifts to needy families, the elderly and the mentally and physically disabled.

Nonprofit agencies selected for the contributions were Bean's Cafe, the Food Bank of Alaska and the Brother Francis Shelter in Anchorage, the

Glory Hole in Juneau and the Fairbanks Community Food Bank.

Also receiving funds were the Anchorage Boarding Home, Anchorage Pioneers Home, Anchorage Rescue Mission, Alaska Children's Services, Hope Cottages, Alaska Native Medical Center Auxiliary, Association of Retarded Citizens of Anchorage, Juneau Salvation Army, Kasilof Community Church, Kenai Senior Citizens Home, CINA Senior Citizens Group, Kenai Women's Resource Center, Order of Eastern Star in Nome, Our Lady of Compassion Care Center, Parks & Recreation & Culture in Unalaska, Santa's Clearing House in Fairbanks, Alaska Youth & Parent Foundation, Department of the Air Force "Arctic Village Project," Lions Club of Point Barrow, Louise Rude Center for Blind and Deaf Adults and VFW Post 10252's Holiday Baskets.