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Attached is a news release regarding the annual Christmas celebration hosted by Ferris State University Dining Services staff for workers from the Mecosta Osceola Area Rehabilitation Center. Please direct questions to Leah Nixon at 231-591-5604.

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Ferris, MOARC team up for annual Christmas celebration

BIG RAPIDS – To say thank you, the Ferris State University Dining Services staff once again dug into their pockets to host an annual Christmas party for workers from the Mecosta Osceola Area Rehabilitation Center Tuesday afternoon.

The MOARC workers are members of a dedicated and enthusiastic crew who help keep dining services running smoothly at Ferris, with the party becoming an annual celebration sponsored by Ferris Dining Services staff, said Bryan Marquardt, assistant director of board operations and ancillary services.

“Our staff wanted to do something special for the MOARC team,” Marquardt said of the initial idea. “They got together and funded a Christmas party out of their own pockets. Everyone donated money for food and gifts. It was beautiful – it put everyone in the holiday spirit and everyone really enjoyed it.”

And so, the Ferris-MOARC Christmas party became a tradition.

“It reminds everybody of the true meaning of Christmas,” said Stan Vallier, manager. “If you’re around when Santa comes, you’ll see. It’s unbelievable – it gives you such a good feeling.”



MOARC 1.jpg Journeyman painter Al Tetsworth (a.k.a. Santa) handed out gifts during the Ferris-MOARC Christmas party Tuesday afternoon.



MOARC 2.jpg These workers from MOARC joined Ferris Dining Services staff for a Christmas party celebration Tuesday afternoon.

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