

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

News Release #135-14

Dec. 18, 2014

Contact: Ed Barker

850.452.4858

(DSN) 922.4858

(FAX) 850.452.4900

## **NETC 'Angels' brighten holidays for local school**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – As part of their community outreach, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) teamed-up with Pensacola's Global Learning Academy, a neighborhood elementary school, to brighten the holidays for a number of deserving families Dec. 17.

NETC volunteers were able to help through the 'Angel Tree' process, a Christmas tree adorned with paper angels, each representing a student from Global Learning Academy who could use a helping hand this holiday season. Each volunteer chose one of the paper angels, with details on what types of gifts the child could use.

"It's my first year taking part in this, but NETC has been helping the Global Learning Academy with Angel Tree for the past four years," said Capt. Stanley Wiles NETC Supply/Logistics Director, in charge of the Angel Tree coordination this season. "We were able to give 100 presents to a total of 30 kids this year, and what a difference it makes to these families during the holidays."

Ronnie Arnold, the Global's parent liaison, has been overseeing gift donations from the Angel Tree program since the beginning of NETC's involvement.

According to Arnold, the school's impressive facilities and high-tech classrooms give students the ability to maximize their potential in an environment that promotes education and curiosity. Located near the Brownsville area, many of its students come from families with a lower income, making the holidays a challenging time for many.

"We've been fortunate to have NETC come to the assistance of some of our families over the years," said Arnold. "We had 20 families in the program this year, and NETC took 11."

Kim Adams, Global's guidance counselor isn't hesitant to speak about the positive reaction she's seen regarding the Angel Tree Program. As an advisor of students and parents alike, Adams receives first-hand feedback from the families.

“Our families ask about the program, they love it, and are so grateful. NETC, the Pensacola Police Dept., and the Rotary Club are all major contributors,” Adams said. “We are very blessed; we have a lot of support.”

For more information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit

<https://www.netc.navy.mil> or follow NETC on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NavalEducationAndTrainingCommand> On Twitter:

@netcpao.

-USN-

-----

Story by Lt. j.g. Michael Hathaway, Naval Education and Training Public Affairs