

Harbour Party Raises Holiday Cheer and Charitable Donations

There's no question adults enjoy the holidays as much as children. Employees at Avnet Technology Solutions' (TS) Harbour Drive facility in Phoenix expressed this in a group holiday party survey. For the past two years, the Harbour team has catered its holiday celebration for employees' children. This year, employees said they would prefer an office party during work hours so they could celebrate with their colleagues.

In an effort to get more employees involved in its annual holiday party, the Avnet Harbour team decided to donate proceeds from a fundraising event to the Salvation Army's Christmas Angel program. The team collected 45 prizes from suppliers and TS's Embedded Solutions Group: a Vizio 32-inch high-definition television, iPod Touch, Microsoft Xbox 360, Kodak 8.0 MP digital camera, Magellan GPS system and tickets to a Phoenix Suns game.

The party was a bigger success than imagined, with 150 employees raising \$3,875, which the Avnet Contributions Council matched for a total donation of \$7,750. "The event was our best ever," says Kevin Olson, director of integration business development for TS. "Many children got their wishes this year because of employee participation and generosity."