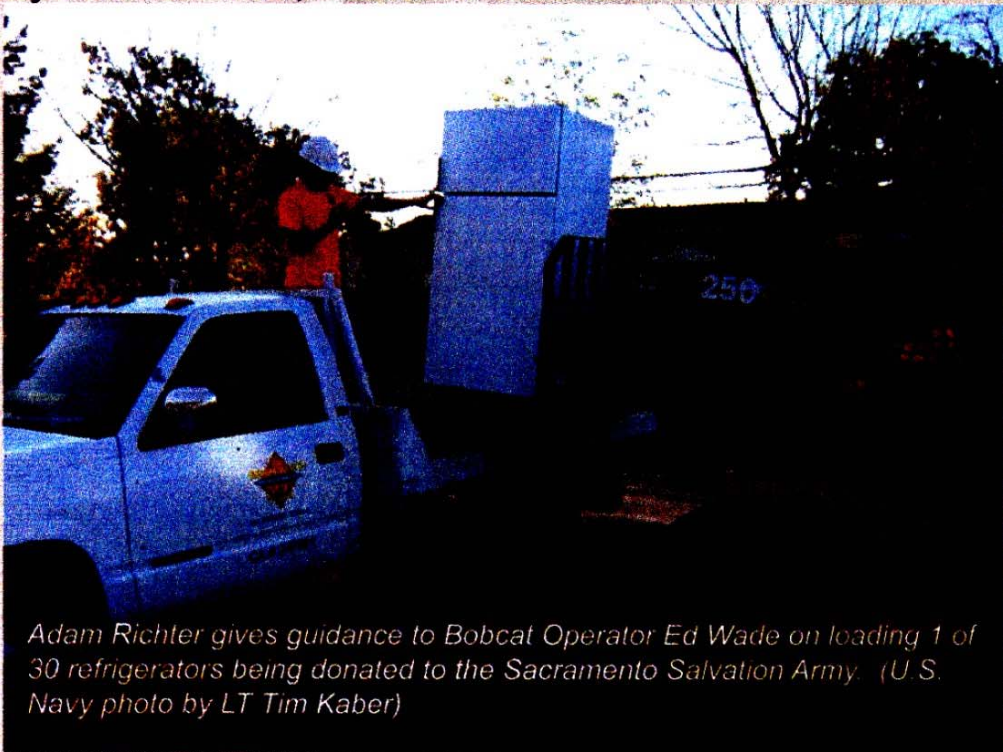


Local Non Profit Benefits from Travis AFB Contractor's Philanthropy

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Adam Richter gives guidance to Bobcat Operator Ed Wade on loading 1 of 30 refrigerators being donated to the Sacramento Salvation Army. (U.S. Navy photo by LT Tim Kaber)

When the Navy Resident Officer in Charge of Construction Office at Travis AFB awarded two housing demolish contracts to Diamond D General Engineering, Inc. of Woodland, Calif., last September they had no idea that it would end up benefiting those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction in their local area.

The contract to demolish 312 vacant homes gave the contractor full possession of appliances in order to offset the cost of demolition. Instead of selling the 252 dishwashers, 250 gas ranges, and 30 refrigerators for profit, Diamond D decided to donate the \$50,000 worth of appliances to the Sacramento District of the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is able to sell these appliances at reduced prices in its store to fund its various programs and activities. More than just a tax break on the part of the contractor, their generosity will go a long way to helping the Salvation Army Addiction Recovery Program which houses hundreds of people on the road to sobriety.