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HCC Giving Tree

Faculty, staff, and students at Holyoke Community College helped spread holiday cheer this month as they delivered a record number of donated gifts to representatives from five local charities at the closing reception for the college's 19th annual Giving Tree campaign. This year, the HCC community fulfilled the holiday wishes of 375 consumers from Homework House, WestMass ElderCare, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, and — for the first time — Enlace de Familias, the Holyoke agency that has been working with Puerto Rican evacuees who left the island after the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. Pictured at top: from left, Elsie Rodriguez-Garcia, director of HCC's STRIVE program; Betty Medina Lichtenstein, executive director of Enlace de Familias; and Gail Golas, chair of HCC's Giving Tree campaign stand behind a cart filled with gifts for clients of Enlace. Bottom: Luis Rene Robles of Holyoke, a home visitor in the Healthy Families program at the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, holds up a donated gift.

