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Predators help others at holidays



Bethlehem Centers of Nashville CEO and President Joyce Searcy holds a display check for \$10,000 that represents a donation from the Nashville Predators Foundation. PHOTOS BY ANDY HUMBLER / THE TENNESSEAN

Bethlehem Centers, St. Luke's, Safe Haven get \$10,000

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The Nashville Predators Foundation recently made \$10,000 donations to three area charity organizations.

One of the \$10,000 donations went to the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville to help support the nonprofit agency's annual Christmas Toy Store.

Bethlehem Centers CEO and President Joyce Searcy said the money helped purchase toys for about 360 children, representing about 150 families.

Bethlehem Centers of Nashville is a social service agency that promotes self-



Nashville Predators announcer Tom Callahan speaks at the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville.

reliance and positive choices for youth and adults in Middle Tennessee. Its main campus is at 1417 Charlotte Ave.

Safe Haven, a homeless shelter designed for the family unit, was another recipient of a \$10,000 dona-

tion by the Predators Foundation.

The money will be used for the agency's Mended Hearts program that provides comprehensive training and support for homeless families. Rachael Wilkins, director of development for Safe Haven, said the gift would help homeless families spend the next Christmas season in a home of their own.

St. Luke's Community House is a charity whose mission is to help low-income working families, seniors and individuals in West Nashville.

The Predators Foundation has presented more than \$2 million in grants and donations since its inception in 1998, Predators Foundation President Gerry Helper said.