

# Special Delivery:

*Troopers team up with charities to make a difference in Emmonak*



Monica Lowman, Sheila Woodhouse, Pat Jarrett and Joanne Bibbins from the Zonta Club of Alaska stand with Trooper Vic Aye after delivering donations for the Emmonak Women's Shelter to DPS supply.



Lt. Andrew Merrill, Salvation Army Major George Baker, Trooper Vic Aye and Capt. Barry Wilson stand amongst the donations at DPS Supply.

With freeze up just a little more than a month away, the community of Emmonak received a welcome shipment of donations from several charities in Anchorage, Alaska. The donations included brand new winter coats and snow pants for children donated to the Red Cross by Fred Meyer, along with items from Zonta. The items were shipped out to the community in mid-August. The Alaska State Troopers stepped up to help coordinate the logistics with Kwikpak Fisheries and Lynden Air Cargo to move the items to Emmonak and get the much appreciated donations to where they were needed.

The Zonta Club of Alaska donated a variety of items needed to support the mission of the shelter. The charity is dedicated to supporting women worldwide and has a history of participating locally to provide support to other organizations such as the Salvation Army, AWAIC (Abused Women's Aid In Crisis), Clare House, The 4-A's, The Girl Scouts, Arts on the Edge, Mother's Voices and many others.

"This was the first donations that we made to the shelter," said Shelia Woodhouse, a Zonta of Anchorage member. "The women that manage the shelter gave us a wish list of things they needed the most. We are hoping that we can keep the shelter supplied with enough household items that any grant money they receive can be spent on other things they need such as heating fuel, electricity, building upkeep, etc."

"Some families come in with nothing. No pampers, changes of clothes," said Joanne Horn, Director of Emmonak Women's Shelter. "Now we have extra blankets, especially for the winter. Some people can't afford to buy the gear be-



Lt. Andrew Merrill, Capt. Barry Wilson and Trooper Vic Aye help unload donations made by the Zonta Club of Alaska.



Donations collected in Anchorage by the Zonta Club of Alaska and the Salvation Army were delivered to the Emmonak Women's Shelter in mid-August.

cause it was so expensive in the store. People here focus on food and heating oil so they can't get the extra clothing and gear.”

The shelter in Emmonak has helped families in the region for more than 30 years. The Alaska State Troopers is proud to do its part on keeping the shelter operational so it can provide to help numerous families in Emmonak and the outer-lying villages.

A special thanks to the U.S. Marshals Service, Salvation Army, Zonta, Fred Meyer, Lynden Air Cargo and Kwikpak Fisheries that took part in this charitable endeavor.



Trooper Vic Aye thanks Salvation Army Major George Baker for the donations.

