Giving Santa a Hand at MindGear Labs

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On December 14th, the Section Council and their families lent a hand to Santa. For the second year in a row, the group came to MindGear Labs (now in Lowe Mill) to assemble, paint, and wrap toys for disadvantaged children as part of Santa’s Lab.

Santa’s Lab is a charitable program started by AIAA member and MindGear Labs owner Rob Adams. Volunteers use MindGear’s design and fabrication tools to produce and assemble toys, which are then distributed to disadvantaged children in the greater Huntsville area through a variety of outlets.

The Section Council, which has volunteered for the past two years, served as Santa’s Elves for the evening in lieu of the regular December Council meeting. The group assembled, painted, and wrapped a number of different toys throughout the evening. A special thanks goes to Rob Adams and Tia Wheeler for letting us come help, and to all our Elves: Chris and Sheree Gay, Robert La Branche, Cody Crofford, Matt Sclafani, Tammy Cottam, Matt Statham, Ken and Lisa Philippart, Brandon Stiltner, Alan Lowrey, and Kurt Polzin.

Santa’s Lab Elves - (L to R) Chris Gay, Robert La Branche, Cody Crofford, Kurt Polzin, Rob Adams (Santa), Sheree Gay, Tammy Cottam, Matt Sclafani, Matt Statham, Brandon Stiltner, Lisa and Ken Philippart, Alan Lowrey.