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For the second time in consecutive days, a gaming company has donated thousands of dollars to the Salvation Army after its headquarters were burglarized of \$13,000 last weekend.

Derek Stevens, chief executive officer for the Golden Gate, said his company donated \$14,000 to the Salvation Army on Thursday.

"Golden Gate has had a great run in Las Vegas," Stevens said of the historic downtown hotel and casino. "We're just trying to support them in a time of need."

On Wednesday, officials with Station Casinos announced that it donated \$13,000 to cover the charitable organization's entire losses.

Lori Nelson, a spokeswoman for Station Casinos, said earlier in the week the Salvation Army deserved the donation.

She said the general managers of the individual Station properties came up with the idea. Each casino was able to chip in to match the stolen money, she said.

Representatives of the Salvation Army could not be reached for comment Thursday.

The burglary was discovered Tuesday after the long holiday weekend. A bag of money, collected in kettles from bell ringers this holiday season, was missing from a locked filing cabinet.

An armored truck was scheduled to pick up the funds Tuesday morning.

Charlie Desiderio, marketing director for the charity, said there were no signs of forced entry

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and that someone with a key was probably responsible. He was worried the theft would be a setback for the charity, which relies heavily on holiday donations in order to operate.

Las Vegas police spokesman Bill Cassell said Thursday the investigation into the burglary is ongoing.

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