

Woman's secret Santa turns out to be Bill Gates

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One woman's secret Santa this holiday season turned out to be one of the richest men in the world: Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.

The gift exchange happened through the website Reddit's secret Santa event, in which users swap presents across the country.

A spokesman for Gates confirmed he participated. Spokesman John Pinette says the billionaire philanthropist wanted to engage with Reddit's community and promote Heifer International, a foundation that provides seeds and animals to people in need in the [developing world](#).

The [woman](#), identified only as Rachel, wrote in a blog post that she was surprised to find out Gates was her Secret Santa. She received a stuffed cow toy, a signed card, a National Geographic travel book and a \$500 donation to Heifer International in her name.

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