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DKSO SWAT TEAM VOLUNTEERS WITH 'TOYS FOR TOTS'

Deputies Collect More Than 1,000 Toys



DECATUR, Ga. – The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office (DKSO) SWAT Team volunteers held their second annual Toys for Tots drive at the Toys R Us store at 2918 Turner Hill Road near Stonecrest Mall in Lithonia Saturday, December 13, 2008.

"We collected more than 1,000 gifts, including bicycles, musical instruments, board games, educational electronic toys, dolls, stuffed animals, you name it," said Sgt. David Aderhold, who organized the drive. "One couple shopping at the Toys R Us store donated three shopping carts full of items."

We are genuinely touched by the generosity and warm hearts of so many people, considering the current state of our economy, Sheriff Thomas Brown said.

"We are reminded of the 'reason for the season' and the true meaning of giving, especially during this time of year. And we are thankful that so many are willing to sacrifice for others, even when they themselves may be struggling to make ends meet," Brown said.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute the toys as holiday gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

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