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Clayton County Board of Commissioners Kick-Off County Toy Drive

Jonesboro- Clayton County Board of Commissioners (CCBOC) has kicked off the holiday season with a toy drive for underprivileged children (ages 6 months – 12 years old) residing in Clayton County. The BOC will have drop off locations throughout the county for donations. Thursday, December 16, 2010, is the last day that the county will accept toy donations from the public.

Families that have documented a need for assistance through the BOC will receive donated toys at the BOC Toy Drive Celebration on Saturday, December 18, hosted by the city of Riverdale at their new Town Center located at 7210 Church Street from 9:00am – 1:00pm. As an added bonus, various community partners will educate families on creating a healthier lifestyle this holiday season. The BOC will offer health screenings, healthy snacks, and fitness tips for children. Also, in an effort to promote free family fun this holiday season, the BOC will have a reading corner to encourage families to spend more quality time together by turning off the TV and reading some holiday classics.

“The holiday season is a time for families and friends to come together and enjoy the company of others and show compassion to those less fortunate. That’s what we are attempting to do at our Holiday Toy Drive Celebration, create a sense of togetherness for the residents of Clayton County where the children are the focus and we let them know WE CARE”, stated Chairman Eldrin Bell. “Even though we are experiencing tough economic times we need to continue to reach out to help our fellow man. Therefore, I am pleading with the community to share with our children this holiday season. It’s important to remember that our children are the message we send to a future that we may never see, this is the season to determine that message by sharing and caring.”

Some of the sponsors for the event include AmeriGroup, who will provide health screenings and other fun activities for kids, H.E.A.T. Inc., a non-profit group that is sponsoring the children’s “Fun and Fit” fitness corner, along with the Clayton County Library, who will host the holiday story time for children.

“Because I really believe it takes a village to raise a child, I am delighted with the response we have received from the community. Organizations such as the Salvation Army, Southern Regional Medical Center, the Clayton County Board of Health, the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, Archway, Atlanta Gas & Light, We Are Clayton Magazine, and Positive Press Public Relations responded immediately to our request for assistance and we thank them for their support,” said Vice-Chairman, Wole Ralph (District 3). “Also, we are grateful to the City of Riverdale for their support”, added Ralph.

Drop off locations for donating new, unwrapped toys include the Board of Commissioners Office (112 Smith Street, Jonesboro), Clayton County Recreation Centers, Shelnett Inter-Generational Center (849 Battle Creek Road, Jonesboro), and all Clayton Fire Stations. To seek toy assistance or inquire about donating to the county’s Toy Drive call 770-472-8120, visit the county website at www.claytoncountyga.gov or e-mail your questions to: cctoydrive@co.clayton.ga.us.

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