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## Toys for Joy Returns

Helping those in need during the holidays

**Kent, Wash. - November 28, 2016-** The Kent Regional Fire Authority, Kent Firefighters Local 1747, and the Kent Firefighters Foundation proudly announce the 2016 kick-off of this program that supports the less fortunate in the community.

Toys for Joy is an annual event where new, unwrapped toys are collected, sorted, wrapped, and delivered to local food banks and outreach programs for distribution to needy families in our community. In addition to toys, non-perishable food and monetary donations are also accepted.

2016 has seen an upturn in the economy, but there are still many families in need. Some families have to dedicate their money to the basics in order to survive and do not have the ability to buy gifts during the holidays. The Toys for Joy program was created to help these local families.

Toy wrapping parties\* are scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and are open to the public. The media is invited to cover these events which are attended by groups and individuals from throughout south King County. Last year the public wrapped over 6,000 gifts.

Toy collection barrels will be at the following locations beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>:

Fire Station 71	504 West Crow St.	Downtown Kent
Fire Station 72	25620 140 Ave. S.E.	East Hill of Kent
Fire Station 73	25612 Military Rd. S.	West Hill of Kent
Fire Station 74	24611 116 Ave. S.E.	East Hill of Kent
Fire Station 75	15635 S.E. 272 St.	Lake Meridian
Fire Station 76	20676 72 Ave. S.	North Kent Valley
Fire Station 77	20717 132 Ave. S.E.	East Hill of Kent
Fire Station 78	17820 S.E. 256 St.	Covington
Centennial Building	400 W. Gowe St.	Downtown Kent
Fire Station 45	2929 S. 200 St.	SeaTac - South
Fire Station 46	3521 S. 170 St.	SeaTac - Central
Fire Station 47	3215 S. 152 St.	SeaTac - North
Caldwell Bank	Kent Station	Downtown Kent

The Toys for Joy program can only exist with the generous donations of local residents and businesses. Over the years, that generosity has been tremendous. This year we are hoping for everyone's continued support.

For further information on the Toys for Joy program and to get involved in a wrapping party, please call the Toys for Joy Hotline at 253-856-4485 beginning today.

\*Fire Station 75 (15635 S.E. 272 St., Kent)

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