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SHERIFF'S OFFICE TOY DRIVE A SUCCESS

The Christmas tradition at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office continued this year. The collection of toys and the donations of funds to make Christmas possible for many needy children in Gulf County was the most successful yet! "The toy drive wouldn't be successful without the generosity of our loving community." said Sheriff Mike Harrison, "My hat is off to the many individuals and organizations that made this year's project a success."

The Sheriff's Office began collecting toys and donations at the beginning of December, and with the assistance of Mr. George Duren a central distribution point was secured on Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe. Working closely with Dr. Patricia Hardman, the Coastal Community Association, South Gulf County Fire and Rescue, the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, Gulf 2 Bay Construction, and Centennial Bank drop-off locations were established.

The project blossomed as local businesses and organizations made the toy drive a priority. Toys and monetary donations were received from B.J. Pierce of BJ's Auto Repair, the John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069, the Port St. Joe Lions' Club, and Brandon Davis with Sea Tow Port St. Joe. The source for donations continued through many individuals and community events such as the Jingle Bell Golf Tournament, Christmas Bazaar at the Club, and events at service clubs around Gulf County.

Distributions to families began on Wednesday and will continue into next week. "Thank you to all who gave!" said Sheriff Harrison, "We are honored to be able to assist these families in need and hope the toys will bring a smile to each child's face on Christmas morning."

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