

## Toys needed for St. Luke's Holiday gift collection

STAMFORD — St. Luke's LifeWorks has begun collecting toys for the 20th Annual Holiday Gift Collection. One of the largest toy collection in the region, it will provide gifts to 1,700 children affected by homelessness, poverty or HIV/AIDS, served by more than 35 agencies across Fairfield County.

"Due to the economy, we expect the amount of children in need to increase, so we're getting an earlier start to the collection this year," said event manager Takeia McAlister.

This year's sponsors include Ed McGettigan, The NEW 96.7 The Coast, UBS, Friends of Children, Inc., Knight Capital, Two Men and a Truck, Stamford Special Services Dis-

trict, Purdue Pharma and TFI Envision, Inc.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to sponsor specific children or provide gifts through general toy drives. A list of appropriate gifts can be found on the Web site at <http://www.learnaliving.org>.

Toy donations may be dropped off through Dec. 3 at St. Luke's LifeWorks Center for Children and their Families at 141 Franklin St. in Stamford or Splash Car Wash in Darien, Norwalk, Stamford and Wilton, Barnum Museum, Crazy Joe's Café and Two Boots in Bridgeport, Christine's Hair Studio and Clip & Show in Danbury, Barrett Bookstore, Darien Library, The Gardener's Center and Shaw's Market in Darien, Edward Jones, Goyer Ice Cream, Greenwich Catholic School,

James Wong Cleaners and Smart Kids' Toys in Greenwich, Halstead Property Country Living in New Canaan, An Eye for Art, Citibank on CT Ave., Edward Jones and Walmart in Norwalk, Agabhumi, Allied Training Professionals, Cerezo New Image Salon, Dr. Marc Kirshner, Hair is Beautiful, Halstead Property Country Living, Jenna Marie's Deli, and Sundance Café in Stamford, Weston Library, Dunkin Donuts in Wilton, and Mark Twain Library in West Redding, For a complete list of locations, visit <http://www.learnaliving.org>.

There will be two giant wrapping parties held in our Toy Workshop this year. They are on two Saturdays, Dec. 5 and 12 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. both days.

Space is limited. Wrappers and volunteers are urged to call our Gift Collection Hotline at 203-388-0103 to reserve a date and time slot for one of the parties. Donations of supplies such as wrapping paper, scissors and tape are welcome for use at the annual wrapping parties.

St. Luke's LifeWorks is based in Stamford and has 10 locations in Fairfield County. Educational opportunities, coaching and mentoring, and transitional and supportive housing is provided to individuals and families facing homelessness, recovering from mental illness, or living with HIV/AIDS. St. Luke's LifeWorks focuses on providing permanent solutions that enable program participants to achieve greater self-sufficiency.

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