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## **The Children's Christmas Party of Jacksonville** **Saturday, December 16, 2017**

*Party to be held at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center from  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or earlier if all toys are distributed*

• **The Children's Christmas Party of Jacksonville is the largest one-day toy giveaway in the area.** New toys will be given out to as many as 7,000 children on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

• The Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center is located at 1000 Water Street., Jacksonville, Florida, 32204 (Corner of Bay and Lee Streets, Downtown Jacksonville)

• Throughout the Party, each child will receive several new, good quality toys and a chance to win a special toy from the Lucky Wheels Depot (bike, scooter, toddler riding toy or wagon).

• This event is open to children ages 12 and younger. **This Party is only for Jacksonville's children in need which includes those who might not otherwise receive gifts this Christmas.** Admission is first-come, first-served, and participants wait in line. No application or ID is necessary.

- ❑ The success of this event depends on the generous donations at least 40 sponsor companies, as well as Jacksonville's generous citizens.
- ❑ Lucky Wheels Depot sponsors provide as many as 600 special wheeled toys (Last year, the sponsors included Mayo Clinic, Wells Fargo, Haskell Company Employees, North Florida Bicycle Club and Subaru of Jacksonville at Atlantic.)

**During set up week (December 13, 14, 15), volunteers will be unpacking toys and decorating in a Christmas related theme. On Saturday, December 16, this event starts at 9 a.m. with a ribbon cutting by Santa Claus and hopefully our great city's mayor. The Party also features appearances by Jaxson de Ville and other fun characters.**

• The children and parents enter the convention center to the sight of beautiful Christmas decorations in a special theme. This huge event fills the entire main exhibit hall of the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center (80,000 square feet).

• More than 1,000 volunteers from our sponsor companies set up and decorate the convention center the week prior to the party and then donate their time and talent on Party Day (December 16).

• Most of the toys are purchased from Group Sales, Inc., a wholesale toy distribution company located in Cincinnati. In addition, 50,000 toys are donated by Ja-Ru, Inc., a novelty toy company located here in Jacksonville. Bikes and certain other toys are purchased from the Wal-Mart store on Beach and Hodges.

• After the party, if any toys are left they will be donated to previously selected reputable toy giveaway programs for donation to more families during the week before Christmas.

***This is the happiest holiday tradition for thousands of families here in Jacksonville!***