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Paramedic Services Toy Drive exceeds expectations

Midhurst/ December 21, 2011 – The annual County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Toy Drive collected a total of 6,381 toys, 1,186 lbs of food, and \$14,044 in cash and gift cards, making 2011 the most successful toy drive to date. All donations benefit local charities throughout Simcoe County.

“Children and families in need across our region are truly blessed by the compassion and generosity of their neighbours throughout Simcoe County,” said Warden Cal Patterson. “This year’s toy drive exceeded all of our expectations, and I am so thankful to all of our residents who participated and to our dedicated paramedics who volunteered their personal time and energy during the campaign.”

All toy drive donations are distributed to local children and families in need by charitable organizations working in partnership with County of Simcoe paramedics. Those charities include the Simcoe County Children’s Aid Society, Barrie Food Bank, Coldwater Food Bank, Elmvale Food Bank, Wasaga Beach Food Bank, Salvation Army, Kinnette’s Toys for Kids, Good Shepherd Food Bank, Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Hope Acres (Salvation Army), Holy Martyrs of Japan, and Barrie and Area Christmas Cheer.

Since its inception in 2002, the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Toy Drive has collected more than 31,000 toys, \$52,000 in monetary and gift card donations, and 10,000 lbs of food from the generous residents of Simcoe County.

The County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

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