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HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORERS POST RECEIVES \$1,000 FROM TOYS“R”US, INC. TO HELP KIDS IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Hawthorne, CA (12/21/11) – The Hawthorne Police Department is proud to announce it has received \$1,000 in gift cards from Toys“R”Us, Inc., which supports organizations that share in its philanthropic mission to keep kids safe and help them in times of need. The donation is being made in conjunction with a nationwide initiative by Toys“R”Us to assist local police departments in bringing Christmas cheer to kids in need.

The gift card donation will be passed on to families in the Hawthorne community dealing with less than fortunate circumstances this holiday season. Each year, the Hawthorne Police Department's Explorer Post selects families who can truly benefit from a gift that makes the holiday season more enjoyable. This year, the Hawthorne Police Explorer Post will distribute the gift cards amongst eight families in the community.

Sgt. Chris Wiley, one of the Hawthorne Police Department's Explorer Post advisors, stated, “It is only with the generosity and compassion of companies like Toys“R”Us, Inc., that our organization can maintain these positive contacts with our community residents.”

As part of the company's long-standing commitment to serving local communities where it operates, Toys“R”Us partners with numerous nonprofit organizations that directly impact children, such as the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Autism Speaks, Save the Children and Make-A-Wish Foundation, among others.

“At Toys“R”Us, we love kids and we are proud to partner with organizations like the Hawthorne Police Department that help fulfill our mission of giving back to the communities we serve,” said Kathleen Waugh, Vice President, Corporate Communications, Toys“R”Us, Inc.

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