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Season of Giving: Lakeland Fire Department Toy Drive Kicked Off November 14

Lakeland, FL - The Lakeland Fire Department (LFD) is excited to announce that the department's annual holiday toy drive kicked off on Thursday, November 14, 2019 and will run through Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Community members are welcomed to drop off a new, unwrapped toy at any of LFD's seven fire stations and Fire Administration Building. The toy drive will benefit the Children's Home Society of Greater Lakeland (<https://www.chsfl.org>) and the Dream Center of Lakeland (<http://dreamcenterlakeland.org>), who will distribute the collected gifts to Lakeland's children in need.

This is the seventh year in a row that the Lakeland Fire Department sponsors a toy drive and the event has been very successful thanks to the donations from the community and firefighters, who generously provide toys.

"Out of the many events our department sponsors and participates, this is one we all look forward to every year" says Fire Chief Doug Riley. "The holidays are a time to reflect on our blessings and to give back to those in need. This annual toy drive helps hundreds of children in Lakeland by allowing them to enjoy the holidays with a toy someone provided specially for them."

Collection boxes are located at all seven Lakeland fire stations, at the Children's Home Society, and at the Lakeland Dream Center. Station locations can be found at www.lakelandgov.net/lfd or by calling (863) 834-8200.

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2019 TOY DRIVE

THE LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT IS COLLECTING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR LAKELAND'S CHILDREN IN NEED.

THE TOY DRIVE WILL BENEFIT THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA AND THE LAKELAND DREAM CENTER.

COLLECTION BOXES AT ALL 7 FIRE STATIONS.

VISIT LAKELANDGOV.NET/LFD OR CALL 863.834.8200 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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BOXES AVAILABLE FROM

NOV. 14-

DEC. 14