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## 2nd Annual Howard County Toys for Tots campaign!

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Good afternoon,

As the holidays are rapidly approaching, I wanted to thank you for your service in the Oakland Mills MS's PTSA. Your leadership has been invaluable as we support and promote a safe and nurturing learning environment for our students.

As you may know, last year I was honored to partner with Toys for Tots (TFT) as we launched our inaugural campaign in Howard County helping our families in need. Together, we were able to help over 400 families and children. This year, that mission continues as I have expanded the initiative to all our public schools in an effort to make our holidays that much brighter.

We are working with your school's Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs) to identify the families in need, generally our FARM families, who are then tasked with registering families. To that end, I'd love to work with your PTSA to help spread the word and reach as many qualified families as possible. If you know of a family in need, please ask them to contact their respective schools PPW for more information.

For your convenience, I've included some important details below about our initiative:

- We can accommodate up to 9 children, per family
- We guarantee gifts for children up to 14years old
- Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate a wish list
- Children will be provided with age-appropriate toys
- Children with special needs should be noted in the Comments section, along with any additional pertinent information, so we can plan accordingly.
- The deadline to register families is **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm (COB)**
- We will host a distribution event on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm**. The location is still being finalized and will be announced once it is.
- If a parent/family cannot attend or has transportation challenges that prevent them from picking up the toys, please note that in the Comments section. We will have limited volunteers on hand to deliver.

For real-time updates, please like our Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/Hoco-TFT-1928219264096299/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Hoco-TFT-1928219264096299/about/?ref=page_internal) and share with your staff, friends and parents.

In addition, I welcome your PTSA sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive. If you would like to participate, please email me at [cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov) and copy my Special Assistant, Kim Pruim at [kpruim@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kpruim@howardcountymd.gov). Please be sure to share how many TFT boxes you would need and my office would be happy to drop them off. Once they are full, please call Ms. Pruim so we can arrange a pick up and donation to our joint warehouse.

If you or someone in your PTSA would like to volunteer, please contact my Special Assistant Kim Pruim at [410-313-3105](tel:410-313-3105) or via email at [kpruim@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kpruim@howardcountymd.gov). Copy me so I stay informed.

I look forward to your support in this endeavor and am grateful for your commitment to improving the lives of our children and families.

All the best,



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