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**Community Helps Washington Township Fire Department with Toy Drive**

(Dublin, OH) – The Washington Township Fire Department’s annual toy drive generated more toy donations this year for the Firefighters for Kids charity than ever before. Several community groups, businesses and organizations helped by holding special events and collections that generated interest in the cause.

“We are very grateful for the community’s support for the *Firefighters for Kids* campaign. Several groups including the Dublin Jerome High School Lacrosse teams, Scottish Corners Elementary, Keller Williams Classic Properties, Complete Chiropractic, and the Greater Dublin Realty Association helped us extend our reach into the community to increase awareness of the *Firefighters for Kids* charity and promote participation,” said Fire Chief Allan Woo.

The Washington Township Fire Department will collect donations of new or gently used toys through Dec. 23. Donations can be dropped off at 6255 Shier Rings Road, 4497 Hard Road, 5825 Brand Road, and 5750 Blazer Parkway.

*Firefighters for Kids* is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide toys at Christmastime for youth who may not otherwise receive them due to their family’s needs and/or personal tragedy. Last year, toys were distributed to 16,000 children.

*Firefighters for Kids* was started in 1977 by Mike Mullens, a retired firefighter from Columbus Division of Fire, who still runs the charitable program. Donations are accepted year-round for the annual December distribution. For more information about Firefighters for Kids, call 614-261-8697.