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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### KINGS COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY ANNOUNCES FOSTER CHILDREN'S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

*Kings County Community Invited to Participate to Bring Holiday Cheer to Local Kids*

**HANFORD, CA (November 4, 2024)** – As we head into the 2024 holiday season, the Kings County Human Services Agency (HSA) has announced launching its annual Foster Children's Christmas Toy Drive. The Foster Children's Christmas Toy Drive seeks to fulfill Christmas wishes for our local foster children, youth, and young adults each holiday season.

*"The holidays can be a difficult time for children in foster care, and we are proud to hold this event to bring a little bit of cheer into our kids' hearts each holiday season,"* said Wendy Osikafo, HSA Director. *"We invite you to join us this year, and appreciate the generosity of our community!"*

The HSA has created an individual card for each child or youth in local foster care that includes the gender, age, and a few of their current interests and sizes. The event also includes Kings County's young adults participating in the County's non-minor dependent program, some of whom are on their own for the first time and greatly in need of basic necessities.

Individuals, organizations, and businesses interested in participating in this year's Foster Children's Christmas Toy Drive are asked to contact Deserae Soto at [Deserae.Soto@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:Deserae.Soto@co.kings.ca.us) or (559) 582-3241 by Friday, November 15th to secure their designated recipient.

#### **Please Note:**

- Donations must be received unwrapped (although in a gift bag is greatly appreciated)
- Be sure to attach the "Christmas Wish List" card to the gift
- No toy weapons or guns
- Donations are due by Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Call ahead to arrange drop-off
- Donations must be delivered to 1400 W. Lacey Blvd. Bldg. #8; Hanford, CA 93230

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