

Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject: "Share the Magic of Christmas" Toy Drive and Santa For Seniors

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The Humboldt Bay Firefighters Union Local 652 "Share the Magic of Christmas" Toy Drive and "Santa for Seniors" donation programs have begun!

Our Toy Drive is the oldest and longest-running toy drive in Humboldt County. In the 1920's, firefighters began collecting and fixing toys for local, underprivileged children. Using their own money and their days off, firefighters would collect broken bicycles, dolls, etc. and refurbish them to look and function like new. This tradition continues to grow, and we now partner with The Salvation Army to distribute new, unwrapped toys to children in our community who may not otherwise receive a gift for the holidays. This event continues to be funded by the generosity of personal firefighters as well as through the support and donations from local area businesses and citizens.

We hope that you will join us in supporting local children this year. All toys collected are distributed to local children ages 0-12 in Humboldt County. It is our goal to help over 600 families this year!

Wanting to donate? Look out for the big red barrels at the following locations in Eureka:

Business	Address
Humboldt Bay Fire Station 1	533 C St.
Humboldt Bay Fire Station 2	775 Herrick Ave.
Humboldt Bay Fire Station 3	2905 Ocean Ave.
Humboldt Bay Fire Station 4	1016 Myrtle Ave.
Humboldt Bay Fire Station 5	3455 Harris St.
Cole Family Eye Care	2773 Harris St.
Safeway	2555 Harris St.
B Styled Studio	2901 F St.
George Peterson Insurance	416 E St.
Eureka City Hall	531 K St.
Poletski's Appliance Center	341 W. Harris St.
Hunter, Hunter, & Hunt	1315 4 th St.
Old Town Coffee & Chocolates	211 F St.

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Porter Street BBQ	605 Broadway St.
Spotlight Video	322 Harris St.
Starbucks	326 5 th St.
State Farm	All Eureka Locations
Los Bagels	403 2 nd St.
The Central Office Copy Center	326 I St.
Healthsport	All Eureka Locations

The last day to donate is December 17 as all boxes will be collected December 18, 2021.

In addition to the Toy Drive, we are proud to continue the annual "Santa for Seniors" program. This year we are partnering with the Humboldt Senior Resource Center's "White Bag Program." This program provides local senior citizen with a holiday bag that has been decorated by local school children. All bags are filled with food and treats for the holidays as well as a warm, nutritious meal. They hope to assemble, wrap, and deliver over 400 bags this year!

By making a toy or monetary donation to one of these programs, you can help share the magic of Christmas with someone less fortunate than yourself and directly benefit the children and elders in your community. Thank you for your support.

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