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HUMANE SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS DONATES HUNDREDS OF STUFFED DOG TOYS TO IMPD'S CLOTHE-A-CHILD PROGRAM

Toys will be given to underprivileged Indianapolis children for the holidays.

INDIANAPOLIS (December 5, 2008) – The Humane Society of Indianapolis (HSI) donated several hundred stuffed dog toys to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) for distribution in the IMPD's Clothe-A-Child program, which gives toys and clothing to underprivileged children in Indianapolis during the holidays. HSI executive director John Aleshire, IMPD's Lt. Jeffrey Duhamell and others loaded boxes stuffed with the toys into an IMPD van at HSI's campus, 7929 N. Michigan Rd.

"A vendor donated hundreds of the stuffed Build-A-Bear dogs to us, which we've given out with pet adoptions," Aleshire said. "We know the stuffed dogs will bring smiles to the faces of kids who might need some cheering up this holiday season."

Starting December 17th, the IMPD will give each child in the Clothe-A-Child program a stuffed dog in addition to clothing. Any extra animals will go to Bears on Patrol, a program in which IMPD officers keep stuffed animals in their patrol cars to help comfort young children exposed to traumatic situations.

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About the Humane Society of Indianapolis: *The mission of the Humane Society of Indianapolis is to provide shelter and comfort to animals in need on the path to loving lifetime homes. Founded in 1905, HSI provides vital services to animals and people alike through sheltering and adopting animals, providing positive-reinforcement behavior training for both adoptable and owned animals through its Canine Training School, and outreach through community and shelter programs.*

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