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TEAM TOYS 4 KIDS HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Derby, CT, November 20, 2012—TEAM, Inc. 27th Annual Toy Drive

TEAM Toys 4 Kids is the largest holiday toy drive in the region. Toys are collected for children from infancy to 12 years old who live in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, Orange and Woodbridge. With the help of area businesses and volunteers, TEAM provided 6,326 toys to 1514 children and other community organizations last year.

In 2012, the greatest needs for gifts are for children age 10-12 years old. Recommended donations include: skateboards, snowboards/snow tubs, cameras, curling irons/flat irons/blow dryers, computer games, soccer balls and baseballs, MP3 players, sports posters and watches. A \$5 minimum gift card to Seymour Cinema 12, iTunes, Target and Amazon.com and others are also welcomed. For a full list of suggestions please visit TEAM's website at www.teaminc.org.

Upon collection, toys from the drive are distributed to eligible parents at the TEAM "toy store" at 153 Main Street, Ansonia during December 17-20th. Parents must request toys in advance by signing up at the TEAM offices, 30 Elizabeth Street, Derby CT from now to December 14th. Parents are provided an exact day and time to select and pick up toys for their children.

Over 100 drop off sites are currently accepting toy donations until December 13. For toys or gift cards donated after December 13, TEAM will accept all for the Toy Store. For a list of drop-off sites (list attached), visit TEAM's website at www.teaminc.org.

Upcoming holiday events are open to the public and benefit TEAM Toys 4 Kids Drive:

- November 25 (Sunday): 9am Christmas Breakfast, sponsored by Thomas and Diane Baklik, Yankee Clipper A Country Barber Shop, 19 Chucta Road Seymour, enjoy breakfast, entertainment and a visit from Santa in exchange for an unwrapped new toy for TEAM Toys 4 Kids
- December 1st (Saturday): 10-4pm, Echo Hose Ambulance will host a Toy Drive at Walmart in Shelton
- December 1st (Saturday): 9-12:30, Meet Santa Day with Echo Hose Ambulance and Pine Rock Volunteer Fire Company 4 at Huntington Branch Library, 41 Church Street, Shelton.
Free hot chocolate, cookies and photos with Santa. Holiday stories will be read by special guests. Attendees are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy, valued at \$10.

- December 2 (Sunday): afternoon, Marcusio's Gardens , Derby "Meet Santa and Mrs Claus", children can have their photo taken with Santa and create a holiday ornament. Attendees are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys 4 Kids.
- December 15 (Saturday): Seymour Police Department will hold its annual "Fill the Police Cruiser" with new unwrapped toys at Super Stop & Shop, 15 Franklin Street, Seymour.
- Follow TEAM on facebook (teaminct) for Toys 4 Kids event updates.

To volunteer to hold a special event, host a drop-off site or volunteer at the TEAM "toy store", please call Trish Wigglesworth at TEAM, 203 736 5420 x 221.

TEAM Inc. is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to connect individuals and families with solutions that lead to well-being, self-sufficiency and full participation in the community. It aims to achieve its mission by conducting activities that address the needs of economically disadvantaged individuals and families including resource mobilization, education, advocacy and service delivery. TEAM programs serve the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour and Woodbridge.

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