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WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE KICKS OFF "NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS" CAMPAIGN

Detroit (December 2, 2009) -- Christmas Day 2009 will be the best day ever for dozens of area children if the Wayne County Sheriff's Office can help it. This year the dedicated men and women of the WCSO are striving to buy toys, gifts and necessities for at least two dozen families in need, and more if they can help it.

"Life is hard enough in this tough economy without having our children wake up on Christmas morning and having *no* gift to enjoy," said Sheriff Napoleon. **"We want to put a smile on as many little faces as possible. We'll be raising money among ourselves, through our holiday fundraiser and through our generous corporate partners. And we don't mind at all, we're doing it for the kids."**

The effort is in conjunction with the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit, a very worthy charity. Deputies hope to raise enough money to buy toys and gifts for the families and hopefully adopt for another year an area agency in need of personal essentials. We invite the public to help us reach that goal by joining the celebration fundraiser:

**WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF
P.O.A.M. LOCAL 504 & SHERIFF'S LOCAL 3317**

**2009 GOODFELLOW'S FUNDRAISER
"No Child Without a Christmas"**

**December 14, 2009, 5 pm to 9 pm
The Key Club Restaurant (Steve's Soul Food)
1440 East Franklin Street (Near East Jefferson Ave & Rivard)
Donation \$20.00**

Last year gifts were distributed to 25 families across Wayne County, along with desperately needed supplies and food gift cards provided to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. The center is the



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only non-profit charity in Michigan specializing meeting the needs of blind, multi-disabled children. Efforts are underway to select a similar facility in need to assist this holiday season.

We invite the media to partner with us as we move forward in this joyous process. In addition to the festive holiday gathering on December 14th, we invite you to join the officers beginning December 15th as they go shopping for the children's gifts, an actual bigger treat for them. Then, we invite you to tag along as **Sheriff Benny Napoleon** and **Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies** play Santa in delivering the gifts.

If you would like to set up interviews, photo shoots with gift shopping and wrapping and ride-alongs, please contact Paula Bridges at (313) 354-5223.

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