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Advocacy Center benefits from Fire Dept. toy drive *New, unwrapped toys accepted starting Nov. 19*

MURPHY (November 7, 2018) Murphy Fire Rescue is continuing its annual toy drive this year to benefit the kids served by the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. The generosity of Murphy residents has made this event highly successful each year it is held.

New, unwrapped toys for boys and girls will be collected by the members of the department starting on Monday, Nov. 19 and continuing through Sunday, Dec. 9. Toys can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during this period by visiting the Fire Station, 206 North Murphy Road.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, toy donors can drive through the Fire Station, hand off their toys and get a special thank you candy cane. Donors will then proceed out of the rear of the Fire Station, entering onto Tom Clevenger Drive and back onto North Murphy Road.

The drive-through begins at 5:30 p.m. and the last car will be accommodated at 8 p.m.

Drivers coming to the special event from the direction of Tom Kimbrough Stadium will be required to make a U-turn at either the entrance to City Hall or the Murphy Community Center and drive on the northbound lane to enter the station. Caution is always encouraged for drivers as North Murphy Road can become congested during this period.

Brightly colored Christmas lights will be positioned to assist drivers enter the correct bay. Attentiveness while driving through the bay is, of course, essential.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County began in Plano in 1992, serving only about 10 percent of the children in the community victimized by abuse or neglect.

As the population of Collin County exploded, so has the number of alleged victims. As a result, there was an increased demand for these types of services. The Center occupied its current location on Los Rios Boulevard in 1999, where the organization now offers services to 100 percent of children in need, free of charge, with no waiting list.

Since opening its doors, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County has served more than 65,000 children and family members impacted by abuse.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.