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Bringing Holiday Cheer to Dunwoody Families

Greetings Dunwoody,

Some will say that it is far too early to think about Christmas. Nevertheless, we here at the Dunwoody Police Department just can't wait any longer! Christmas for Kids 2009 (CFK 2009) was an absolute success and we owe that success to the many Dunwoody citizens, businesses, city employees and officers who stepped up and gave the program their all. We are hoping that Christmas for Kids 2010 (CFK 2010) will be able to bring the same joy and happiness to this year's recipients. With that in mind, CFK 2010 is underway once again. Our CFK committee and project team leaders are now in place, and we will soon be looking for many volunteers to help us help others.

For those who may have missed CFK 2009, allow me to fill you in. Christmas for Kids began with an idea to help Dunwoody's less fortunate children by making their Christmases a little brighter. Last year, the economy was bad; and Dunwoody's hardest hit were the hundreds of families who live in and along the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard corridor. Our goal was to collect new and unwrapped toys, search our community for needy families with children from newborn to fifteen years old, and invite them to a private Christmas festival where Santa and all his helpers came together to personally give out those toys and gifts. It was truly an awesome event; especially for the 60-plus honored guests ~ the kids!

The Christmas season for 2010 will be upon us before you know it; and unfortunately, the economy has not gotten much better over the past year. So I am writing this letter to reach out to our Dunwoody community and ask that we start getting into the Christmas spirit a little early. Just like Santa and his Elves, we have lots to do!

Our **CFK Volunteer Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2010, 6:00pm-7:00pm at North Peachtree Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall) 4805 Tilly Mill Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30360** where we will give prospective volunteers a brief overview of the CFK program and allow them to choose and register for the project team that most interests them. Team leaders will be on-hand to answer specific questions about our various project teams including:

- Advertising/Promotion
- Gifts/Distribution
- Food/Beverage
- Decorating/Party Activities
- Registration/Transportation

Now is the time to give back within our community! Individuals and businesses interested in supporting the Dunwoody Police Department's Christmas for Kids 2010 program should periodically check our webpage for more information on donating supplies and gifts, hosting a gift collection site, or just volunteering your time or talents.

We now have our own webpage, so information and progress updates can easily be found. Visit us at:

www.dpdchristmas4kids.com

Here's to another successful Christmas season of giving back to those who really need it!

Yours sincerely,

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