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MCCAA Toy Drive Ensures Smiles On Christmas Morning

GALLATIN – Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency's Last-Minute Toy Store made sure a number of Sumner County children had smiles on their faces this Christmas morning.

Through its partnership with area businesses and organizations, the non-profit agency provides Christmas toys for less-fortunate families.

"Christmas can be an overwhelming time for families struggling to make ends meet, especially families with children expecting toys from Santa," said Kreda Yokley, executive director of MCCAA. "Last-Minute Toy Store is our effort to make sure children have a magical Christmas.

"Thanks to the generosity of our partners, kids from the families we serve had gifts to unwrap on Christmas morning."

Since 1971, MCCAA has provided a number of home energy assistance, medical support, transportation, rental, mortgage and utility assistance, and nutritional services to Middle Tennessee families. Agency programs include Head Start and Early Head Start, Self-Sufficiency and Income Tax Preparation. The agency services eight Mid-State counties, which include Cannon, Cheatham, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson and Wilson.

Area businesses and organizations that contributed to MCCAA's toy drive include Bledsoe Baptist Association, Gallatin First United Methodist Church, Victory Assembly of God in Hendersonville, the Hendersonville chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Bob Epley and Toys for Tots, Ricky Black, Cook's Pest Control and the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

"MCCAA has a limited amount of resources," Yokley explained. "That's why we are so grateful for our community partners.

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“Without them our agency couldn’t provide to our families nearly the amount of services we do. We appreciate the support we get from the community for all of our programs, not just the toy drive,” she added.

For additional information about the services provided by Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency, contact the following locations: Cannon County (Community Center, 630 West Lehman Street, Woodbury, phone:615-563-5852); Cheatham County (296 Frey Street, Ashland City, phone:615-792-3632); Robertson County (401 North Main Street, Springfield, phone:615-384-1086); Rutherford County (Bradley Academy, 415 South Academy Street, phone:615-893-8938 or 895-3093); Sumner County (179 West Smith Street, Gallatin, phone:615-452-7570); Trousdale County (113 C Hall Street, Hartsville, phone:615-374-3489); Williamson County (Community Services Building, 129 West Fowlkes Street, Suite 103, Franklin, phone:615-790-5786 or 790-5789); and Wilson County (233 Legend Drive, Suite 103, Lebanon, phone:615-444-4714).

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Editor’s note: This press release is accompanied by a digital photo that has been attached to the original e-mail.

Photo outline: From left to right, Ruby Buntin, Cassandra Foret, MCCA board member Lt. Col. Albert Strawther of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, MCCA Executive Director Kreda Yokley and Linda Fuqua display some of toys Sumner County children received this Christmas from MCCA and area businesses and organizations.