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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Sheriff's Toy Drive Gets Big Help From 9 Year Old**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive received a big boost this week when a 9 year old elementary school student contributed over \$600 worth of toys that she had bought with donated funds. According to Yamhill County Sheriff Jack Crabtree, Sydney Geelan daughter of Tara Geelan and Eric Geelan began collecting toys and Christmas gift donations in June of 2009. "Sydney decided that she wanted to become involved in helping underprivileged children" Crabtree said. "She began collecting donations from neighbors and friends, and then purchased the toys herself. I will be proud to have Sydney accompany my Deputies as we distribute the toys in the days preceding Christmas."

Yamhill County Sheriff's Deputies began the toy collections on November 20, and will conclude on December 18, 2009. Those wanting to contribute will find the toy drop-off location at the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office at 535 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street, McMinnville. Prior to Christmas Eve, Sheriff's Office volunteers will then wrap the toys and gifts and prepare for the Sheriff's deputies to deliver to children all over Yamhill County.

The names of the children are compiled by Sheriff's Records staff from information called into the office. The information required about the child to meet the need is; child's first and last name, age, address for delivery, and any special interests or wishes.

According to Yamhill County Sheriff Jack Crabtree, "the donated gifts last year provided over 233 children with something special for Christmas. With the assistance from the Sheriff's volunteer program and staff we are hoping to spread Christmas joy to even more families." Sheriff Crabtree also stated, "when a child

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comes in contact with a Sheriff's deputy it is usually because of an unpleasant situation and our staff makes every effort to leave a positive impression on their lives; this program gives Sheriff's deputies the opportunity to connect with these kids. This program gives our staff and volunteers the opportunity to deliver a little positive spirit and joy to the children who are submitted and hopefully give them a positive memory they will never forget."

"I would personally like to thank everyone who has contributed to this important project over the past five years" Crabtree said. "Your gifts have made a life long impact on these children's lives and help the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office make a difference in our community."

For more information or to get involved with the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Volunteer programs or this project, please contact Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Records staff at 503-434-7506 or email: [sheriff@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:sheriff@co.yamhill.or.us)

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