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## BEAVERTON TOY AND COAT DRIVE A SUCCESS

**-Continue to give by volunteering on MLK Day-**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The City of Beaverton collected more than 500 winter coats and 700 toys during the annual Beaverton Toy and Coat Drive in Nov. and Dec. Community members and local groups showed their support and care for those in need this holiday season by dropping off the new and gently used items at several city locations.

The City of Beaverton is proud to be a community partner of the FOX 12 Les Schwab Tire Centers Toy Drive, presented by Pacific Office Automation this year, with donations going to more than 130 charities which provide toys and gifts to families in Beaverton. The Beaverton Police Department contributed to the cause by delivering the toys and coats to FOX 12 studios on Dec. 15. Coats were donated to local area shelters, including Union Gospel Mission and Salvation Army, which help to ensure that men, women, and children are able to stay warm during this cold winter.

“We had tremendous community support this year,” said Consuelo Star, community services specialist for the Beaverton Police Department. “The impact of a new coat or toy goes a long way in helping our families here in Beaverton.”

Community members can continue to give back this upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 18. The holiday is often marked as a day of service in which local communities are strengthened by neighbors that work together to make a difference.

Local nonprofits and other groups are organizing projects specifically for MLK weekend. Among those hosting Beaverton-area projects are the Oregon Food Bank West and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. Find projects and sign up online at [www.handsonportland.org](http://www.handsonportland.org).

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**Caption:** The city's annual Beaverton Toy and Coat Drive collected more than 500 winter coats and 700 toys in Nov. and Dec. It took 12 Beaverton Police Department officers and six vehicles to transport the collection of donated games, books, stuffed animals, and other toys to be delivered. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*