



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### **2015 TOY DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS**

**HAMDEN** – Mayor Curt Leng and Community Services Director, Darlene Butler, are very pleased to announce that the Community Services Department spent the last weeks of December wrapping up a very successful holiday toy drive.

For the first time in many years, the Town was able to secure space in front of Wal-Mart for gift collections. This past year's mild temperatures were perfect for collecting and people truly exhibited their holiday spirit, as evidenced by their overwhelming generosity. Students from the Hamden Youth Center, Hamden Cheerleaders, and the Hamden Police Department collected toys and donations for two days at Hamden Mart, while also accepting toys donated from various churches, organizations, and residents.

Additionally, the Community Services Department also partnered with local agencies and businesses who wished to participate in the holiday giving program. First time contributors included Massage on Whitney, Old Navy, and Physician's One Urgent Care. Thirteen families, representing 56 children, were sponsored by partner agencies and Hamden Fire Station 2 adopted six families. In total, 236 families registered for a total of over 550+ children who received toys this past Holiday Season.

We thank the Community Services Department for their diligent and generous work to ensure that Hamden's children are afforded the best holiday season possible!

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