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Firefighters Pitch In To Bring Holiday Cheer To Stanwood Camano Community

Toy Drive and Santa Run Provide Toys and Treats for Local Children

“Happy Holidays” was the message sent by members of the Stanwood Camano Fire Department as they pitched in to provide toys and treats to local children. In a continuation of old traditions and the establishment of new ones, local firefighters reminded the community that public service does not only happen during an emergency. “We feel very strongly about our community and are always looking for ways to help serve it” said Assistant Chief Levon Yengoyan. “This is a very special time of year and we hope we can make it a little brighter for everyone.”

On the west side of Camano Island, firefighters continued the tradition of bringing holiday cheer to children in local neighborhoods via the Santa Run. With Santa atop a brightly decorated fire engine, he and his firefighter helpers cruised the neighborhoods handing out treats and small gifts to children as they came out to visit. “The response was overwhelming and we had a great time visiting with kids and parents alike” said Firefighter Robert Boyd the coordinator of the event. “Getting out into the community and seeing the excitement on the kid’s faces is the main reason we do this every year” he added.

A new tradition started this year was a Toy Drive sponsored by the Stanwood Camano Honor Guard. Thanks to generous contributions by local community members and businesses, the Honor Guard collected a large number of toys and other gifts for families in need this holiday season. “We just wanted to help families in our community celebrate the holidays and make sure it was a special day for all the kids” said Honor Guard member Bobby Guadamuz. The Honor Guard placed over 30 toy collection boxes around the Stanwood Camano area and the response was overwhelming. “We couldn’t have done it without everyone’s generosity” said Guadamuz. Toys will be distributed to local families and organizations via the Camano Chapel.

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Santa Run Participants (left to right)
Top Row: Daren Sanford, Mark Moses, Charles Shirley, Zach Turner
Bottom Row: Robert Boyd, Neil Carlson, Tyler Kenworthy
Not Pictured: Helen Papke