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## Vienna Police Officers Team Up to Support Santa's Ride

Vienna police officers take an oath to serve and protect, and this time of year, their service includes a very special detail – bringing holiday cheer to children in local hospitals. To do this, the Vienna Police Department is teaming up with Santa Claus and other law enforcement agencies in the region to collect unwrapped toys, games, books and gifts and distribute them to children at Fairfax Hospital, at Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center and to children in the community who otherwise might not have a cheerful holiday season.

"The Vienna Police Department has participated in this drive for several years now, and each year we are amazed by the generosity of our town's residents in supporting this cause," said police dispatcher, Ruth Rohr, who coordinates Vienna's participation in Santa's Ride. "The ability to lift the spirits of children in the hospital, particularly at holiday time, is so rewarding, and their expressions of joy at receiving these unexpected gifts is priceless."

Vienna residents who wish to support Santa's Ride can drop off new, unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts at the Vienna Police Department, 301 Center St. S; the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE; or Vienna Town Hall during normal business hours.  All items must be dropped off by 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022.

Police officers on motorcycle from multiple jurisdictions will escort Santa to local schools and government buildings to pick up the donated items and deliver them to hospitals and to community children in need.  Santa's Ride 2022 is supported by the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, City of Fairfax Police Department, Falls Church Sheriff's Office, Herndon Police Department, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Vienna Police Department and Virginia State Police.

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