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Visalia Police Officers 2nd Annual Toy Giveaway

On December 23, 2014, the Visalia Police Officers Association delivered toys to the children at Valley Children's hospital in Fresno. This is the 2nd annual toy drive to Valley Children's hospital that the Visalia Police Officer's Association has held. The toy drive is held in memory of six year old Garrett Saenz, who was part of the VPOA family. Garrett and his family stayed at Valley Children's hospital for periods of time during his battle with Leukemia.

"Our purpose behind the toy drive is to help lift the spirits of the children who are hospitalized while receiving treatment at Valley Children's" said Robert Gilson, President of the Visalia Police Officers Association. "We understand that for parents of children at the hospital, battling the crowds and long lines to go Christmas shopping is the farthest thing from their minds. We want to give the parents the opportunity to not have to worry about gifts and spend as much time with their children as possible."

The Visalia Police Officer's Association would like to thank the individual members of the association who donated to the toy drive as well as the Visalia Police Management Association, Redwood Baseball Booster Club, and Chief of Police Colleen Mestas for their donations and assistance in this year's successful drive.

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