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## Fontana Unified Gears Up for 26th Annual 'Fontana Santas' Toy Distribution

WHAT:

Fontana Unified School District's tradition of spreading holiday cheer to local families in need will continue with its 26th annual Fontana Santas toy distribution, during which District families in need – who are identified by school sites – will enjoy a festive holiday celebration and receive age-appropriate gifts.

**CONTACT:** Andrew Shortall

Donations of unwrapped toys and gift cards can be dropped off at the Fontana School Police Department (9680 Citrus Avenue, Building 9, Fontana).

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 16

9 to 11 a.m.

WHERE: Fontana Unified District Office

9680 Citrus Avenue, Fontana

**DETAILS:** 

Fontana Unified kicked off the 2023 Fontana Santas Toy Drive at its Nov. 1 Board of Education meeting. Fontana Santas is hosted in partnership with the Fontana School Police Department, Fontana Teachers Association, United Steelworkers Local 8599, the Fontana Foundation of Hope, Fontana School Police Officers Association, Fontana Management Association.

Fontana Santas began in 1997 when Fontana School Police learned a Fontana boy ran away from home after Christmas because he did not receive any presents. Since then, the Fontana School Police Department and Fontana Unified Employees have collected toys and donations from local organizations and delivered them to students during the holidays, creating a treasured tradition that has provided toys to thousands of Fontana Unified students over the last 26 years.

Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar of events is welcome and greatly appreciated.