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Bikers and Marines' generosity delivers holiday cheer to local families

FORT PIERCE – More than 300 children will have a merry little Christmas thanks to the generosity of St. Lucie County Toy Run, the U.S. Marines Corps Reserve Toys For Tots and through the Fort Pierce Police Department Santa Cop program.

On Monday, December 22, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., 100 area families will pick up bags of wrapped gifts and the makings for a Christmas dinner including a turkey, green beans, candied yams, corns, stuffing, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce. Families will arrive at the Fort Pierce Police Department, 920 U.S., in 30-minute intervals. Their appointment will include a visit with Santa Claus.

Victim Assistant Sonjia Philphart and a host of volunteers including members of the St. Lucie West K-8 Future Business Leaders of America, Fort Pierce Central High School and Lincoln Park Academy students, the U.S. Navy and Bethune Cookman College.

The Santa Cop program has been in existence for more than two decades and has helped hundreds of families celebrate Christmas.

On Sunday, December 14, the second annual St. Lucie County Toy Run made its way to Fort Pierce. The event, sponsored by Best Buy Victory, attracted more than 700 avid motorcyclists, from as far north as Melbourne and as far south as West Palm Beach. More than 500 toys were collected and approximately 450 toys were donated by St. Lucie Toys For Tots.

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