

Donations to Port's Toy Drive Break Record

December 20, 2013

Press Release: For Immediate Release



Riviera Beach, Fla. – The Port of Palm Beach collected a record number of toys during its 2013 Toy Drive.

The fifth year of the drive, which is a collaborative effort between the Port and its tenants and users, brought in more than 500 toys; including 16 bikes, two scooters and two skateboards—all with helmets. Also included in the donations were sporting goods, dolls, board games, electronic toys, clothing and more for children from infants to teenagers.

This year's drive benefited eight different organizations throughout Palm Beach County. At the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners Meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2013, representatives from Place of Hope, an organization that assists children in the foster care system were in attendance to accept their donations.

“I know the kids who will receive these gifts, and I can see their faces lighting up on Christmas morning,” said Sarah Livoti, Special Projects Manager for Place of Hope in Palm Beach Gardens. “These children will not have their parents and family to spend Christmas with, but with your love and support, we are bringing them life, joy and happiness.”

Other organizations benefiting from the Toy Drive are: Marine Industries Association - Toys for Tots, Operation Hope, Iron Workers' Union, Tri-Cities Toy Drive, Revival Community Outreach, Professional Opportunities Program for Students and the Children Medical Services.

“Every year we just outdo ourselves,” said George E. Mastics, Chairman of Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners. “Our staff and tenants work well together to gather so many toys for the less fortunate kids in our area.”



Media Contact:

Julie Houston Trieste, PR Specialist, Port of Palm Beach

Phone: (561) 383-4138 | Cell: (561) 319-0098 | Email: jtrieste@PortofPalmBeach.com

Over \$4 billion worth of commodities, two million tons of diversified cargoes and more than 340,000 passengers move through the Port annually. The Port is committed to the highest levels of service and to fiscal and environmental responsibility while ensuring the utmost safety and security.

PortofPalmBeach.com

