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# NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Local firefighters to host “Stuff a Bus” toy drive this Wednesday

CAMARILLO, Calif. – This holiday season, firefighters will ring in the season of giving with a “Stuff a Bus” toy drive hosted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, at the Wal-Mart Supercenter at 2001 N. Rose Ave., Oxnard. Due to the recent wildfires, the event will be gathering gifts that will help make a house a home this season.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Stuff a Bus” event will take place in the parking lot in front of the store. Firefighters will be on hand to give tours of fire engines, distribute holiday safety information, pose for family photos and hand out prizes. All toys collected at this event will stay local and benefit the [Children’s Services Auxiliary in Ventura County](#).

While it may not be Santa’s sleigh, Ventura County, Ventura City and Oxnard Fire Departments invite the community to help fill buses, donated by **Gold Coast Transit**, with hundreds of new, unwrapped toys for kids in need.

Suggested donations include items for teens and infants, such as infant supplies, sporting goods, sunglasses, skateboards, educational supplies, games, scooters, make-up, jewelry and hot iron tools. For those wishing to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Children’s Services Auxiliary of Ventura County, tax-exempt #77-0054936.

Firefighters from Ventura County, Ventura City and Oxnard are also participating in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of [Spark of Love Toy Drive](#), sponsored by ABC7. All fire stations will serve as drop-off points for new, unwrapped toys through Sunday, December 24, 2017.

Over the past two decades, the Spark of Love Toy Drive has successfully collected more than nine million toys. The campaign collects toys for underserved children and teens in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Ventura and Riverside counties.

For information on the December 20th Stuff a Bus event, call Ventura City Fire at (805) 339-4311. To learn how you can donate to ABC7 Spark of Love, click [here](#).

