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### **Nashville Fire Department Community Events for the Holiday Season**

*NFD, BLAZE Mentoring Program, Nashville Fire Hockey team announce events for holiday season*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (November 17, 2023) – As the holidays approach, the Nashville Fire Department, BLAZE Mentoring Program, and Nashville Fire Hockey Team are all hosting and/or partnering in various events throughout the season to promote community engagement.

*Event Graphics attached at the bottom of release*

### **Nashville- Give One Get One 2023**

The Nashville Fire Department will partner with Invocation to host the “Nashville Give One Get One 2023” event. It will take place Saturday, December 2nd from 10am - 2pm at the Nashville Fire Department Training Academy (2601 Buena Vista Pike, Nashville, TN 37218).

This event is free, and open to children ages 3-17 in Nashville and Davidson County. There will be gifts, toys, a stocking stuffing station, Christmas tree giveaways, special guests, food and fun all day!!

Children who would like to attend, need to sign up for a time slot at the below link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A48A4A72CA4FE3-45576706-nashville/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A48A4A72CA4FE3-45576706-nashville#/)

For additional information regarding this event, email: [Kendra.loney@nashville.gov](mailto:Kendra.loney@nashville.gov)

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## **Jelly Roll Toy Drive**

The Nashville Fire Hockey team is partnering with the Nashville Predators and other agencies to collect unwrapped toys, starting November 1st through December 15th at 8 area Wal-Mart locations. The toys collected will be distributed to all the groups and various charities.

For additional information, contact Josh Lackey at [joshnfdhockey@gmail.com](mailto:joshnfdhockey@gmail.com)

## **BLAZE Last Minute Toy Express, sponsored by the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Children's Foundation**

The BLAZE Mentoring Program will host a Last Minute Toy Express on December 20th from 12pm - 5pm at the Nashville Fire Department Headquarters (63 Hermitage Ave, Nashville, TN 37210). The Toy Express, sponsored by the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Children's Foundation, is intended to provide children who expect to have nothing for the holidays and may have missed previous community events. This is free and open to the public- while supplies last.

For additional information regarding this event, email: [Kendra.loney@nashville.gov](mailto:Kendra.loney@nashville.gov)

## **2024 BLAZE Scholarship Application**

The BLAZE Mentoring Program's Scholarship Application deadline is approaching on November 30, 2023. Seniors who are Metro Nashville Public School students are eligible to apply. We are looking for great candidates and last year awarded 7 \$1,000 scholarships! The application can be found at : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BLAZEScholarship> and more information can be found about the program on BLAZE's Instagram and Facebook pages (@BLAZEMentoringProgram).

The Nashville Fire Department is excited about extending our engagement throughout the community with these events and opportunities. We strive to connect with the residents of Davidson County beyond times when they may be experiencing emergencies, and this holiday season will be no exception. Working with organizations like Invocation and the First Responders Children's Foundation, we hope that the children in Nashville and Davidson County will have a toy or item they desire this holiday season.

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INVOCATION & NASHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENT THE  
**2023 NASHVILLE- GIVE ONE, GET ONE HOLIDAY EVENT**

**FREE TOYS! FREE GIFTS!  
 SPECIAL GUESTS AND SURPRISES ALL DAY!**

Youth of all ages are welcomed! Sign up at the link in the bio!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023**

Nashville Fire Department Training Academy  
 2601 Buena Vista Pike,  
 Nashville, TN 37218  
 9 AM - 3 PM





**GIVE ONE — get one —**

**DEC 2**  
 2023  
 10 AM - 2 PM

Nashville Fire Department Training Academy  
 2601 Buena Vista Drive Nashville, TN

For the past six years, Give One Get One has enabled thousands of children to feel the excitement of not just receiving at Christmas but giving to the ones they love. On December 2nd, we invite the children you serve to "shop" at our Nashville event.

There's no cost to participate. Only children, age 3-17 are allowed to shop (parents can hang out in the waiting room) with our volunteers. Children can choose a gift for themselves and one for a family member/friend or two gifts to giveaway.

We hope you'll use our event to deepen the relationships you have with the children and families you serve. Learn more and sign up for your time slot today!



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**NASHVILLE - GIVE ONE GET ONE 2023**



**Jelly Roll**

**TOY DRIVE**

Donate New, Unwrapped Toys

FEATURING A LIVE PERFORMANCE BY JELLY ROLL!

**SAT. NOV. 4TH  
 4:00PM**

Walmart

Walmart Store #5058  
 3035 Hamilton Church Rd  
 ANTIOCH, TN

TOY DRIVE KICKS OFF NOV. 1!  
 DONATION SITES AVAILABLE  
 AT 8 LOCAL NASHVILLE STORES  
 THROUGH DEC 15:

WALMART 659 1044 CHARLOTTE PIKE NASHVILLE, TN 37203	WALMART 428 1824 HOLENSVILLE PIKE NASHVILLE, TN 37211	WALMART 710 4424 LEBANON PIKE HERMITAGE, TN 37076
WALMART 377 4540 HOLENSVILLE PIKE NASHVILLE, TN 37211	WALMART 5058 3035 HAMILTON CHURCH RD ANTIOCH, TN 37013	WALMART 5616 3421 POWELL AVE. NASHVILLE, TN 37204
WALMART 4482 300 PEBBLEBROOK DRIVE RD MT. JULIET, TN 37122	WALMART 272 3800 HILLSGATE LAKE FRANKLIN, TN 37067	

\*ENTRY TO THIS PERFORMANCE IS FREE FOR ANYONE WHO DONATES A TOY AT ANTIOCH WALMART LOCATION ON DAY OF EVENT. (OPENING 8AM ON FRIDAY NOV 4)



ALL COLLECTED TOYS WILL BE DONATED TO THE METRO NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CHRISTMAS CHARITIES AND THE NASHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.



**BLAZE MENTORING PROGRAM**

*Gifts, Toys, Holiday Cheer*

**LAST**

**MINUTE TOY EXPRESS**

**DECEMBER 20TH  
 12PM - 5PM**

63 Hermitage Ave.  
 Nashville, TN 37210






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