



FIRST RESPONDERS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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TOY EXPRESS

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Our Toy Express program helps local first responders brighten a child's holiday, strengthening community bonds.

Over the past few decades, first responders and the communities they serve have lost their common connection. Children are literally the future of any community, and therefore building positive relationships between youth and first responders is more important than ever to the safety and vitality of towns and cities across America. They do not realize just how important these brave men and women are to their communities—that they are the everyday superheroes among us, here to ensure our safety.

The holiday season is a natural opportunity for first responders to forge strong bonds with the community, particularly in underserved areas.

“Thank you Toy Express! For the third year, this program has brought a smile to hundreds of children but has also warmed the hearts of the police, firefighters and EMTs that helped distribute the toys.”

– Chief Joseph Sinagra, Saugerties, NY



FRCF helps first responders make those connections with our nationwide Toy Express program, which delivers toys to children during the holidays. Distributed by firefighters, police officers, EMTs, paramedics and hospitals, toys from FRCF bring holiday cheer to first responder children as well as children in first responder communities. It's also a time of joy for the first responders themselves. Our distribution events provide first responders an opportunity to bring joy into communities, and gives them a much-needed reprieve from the daily stress and trauma that comes with the job.

FRCF makes an extra effort to add a personal touch for children who recently lost a first responder parent in the line of duty. Our elves create a personalized box of toys for each of these children, and we team up with local agencies to deliver a box to each family's home.

<p>100,000 toys delivered in 2022</p> 	<p>200 distribution locations</p>	<p>millions of joyful smiles</p> 
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