

The Blue Santa Program is coordinated by the League City Police Department and League City Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. It takes the involvement of other city departments, local businesses, and citizen's to make the program the success that it is today. The Blue Santa program is run strictly on monetary, toy, and bike donations from the community.

The purpose of the Blue Santa Program is to provide toys to League City children whose families may not otherwise be able to provide for them at Christmas. League City citizens are required to register at the police department and show proof of residency in League City. Each year the event begins with donations of NEW toys from schools, citizens, and businesses. The toys are then wrapped and ready to be delivered to eager children at the Christmas Party which is held at the Civic Center. The Christmas party offers family pictures with Santa and gifts for registered participants.

In 2008, the League City Blue Santa program provided 410 children with presents this year. Over 145 families registered for the event and each family received a Kroger gift card along with toys for the children. We gave out a record number of 95 bikes thanks to local businesses. We want to say thanks to Houston Community Management, Poseidon Pools, Little Automotive, 'Cedes, Shipley's Donuts, Ray Skains SR Signs, League City Evening Lions Club, Kemah Wal Mart, and the Sign Shop for their generous donations of bicycles.

This year, we will begin collecting NEW toy and NEW bike donations on Monday, November 9th for Blue Santa. Due to allergies and the inability to determine clothing sizes, we do NOT accept stuffed animals or clothing. You may drop off your donations at the police department located at 500 W Walker St. We only accept NEW toys. Although we accept donations all year, donations must be received by December 7th, 2009 in order to be wrapped and gifted this year.

Blue Santa registration for families begins on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the League City Police Department seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Blue Santa Registration ends December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. You must bring a driver's license or identification card that reflects your current address is in League City or a utility bill with your name and League City address on it.

If you would like to help with Blue Santa 2009, please contact us and let us know if you want to organize a toy drive.

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