



The Children's  
Christmas Party  
of Jacksonville

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## The Children's Christmas Party of Jacksonville Saturday, December 12, 2009

*Party to be held at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center from  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or earlier if all toys are distributed*

- **The Children's Christmas Party of Jacksonville is the largest one-day toy giveaway in the area.** New toys will be given out to as many as 10,000 children on Saturday, December 12, 2009.
- The Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center is located at 1000 Water St., Jacksonville, Florida, 32204.
- Throughout the Party, each child will receive new, good quality toys and a chance to win a new bike with helmet.
- This event is open to children ages 12 and younger. **This Party is only for children who might not otherwise receive gifts for Christmas.** Admission is first-come, first-served, and participants wait in line. No application is necessary.
- The success of this event depends on the generous donations of more than 30 sponsor companies, as well as Jacksonville's generous citizens.
  - Through corporate sponsorship gifts, employee donations and fundraising events, **Mayo Clinic** has become our largest corporate sponsor, contributing nearly \$30,000, including money raised for the Bike Depot.
- This event starts at 9 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor John Peyton. The Party features appearances by Jaxson de Ville and Santa and Mrs. Claus. The children enter the exhibit hall to the sounds of Bishop Kenny High School Choir, Band and Drum Corps.
- This huge event fills the entire main exhibit hall of the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center (80,000 square feet).
- More than 700 volunteers from sponsor companies, local schools, U.S. Marines and the U.S. Navy Reservists set up the convention center the week prior to the party (December 8-11, 2009). These groups along with entertainment and other groups donate their time and talent on Party Day.
- Most of the toys are purchased from Namco, Inc., a nationally known wholesale toy company. In addition, more than 50,000 toys are donated by Ja-Ru, Inc., a novelty toy company located here in Jacksonville. Bikes and helmets are purchased from Wal-Mart Mandarin. Thousands of toys are donated to the Party by the public, including toys from the Toys for Tots program.
- If any toys are left over, they will be donated to the Salvation Army and Hope Worldwide toy giveaway programs for distribution to more families during the 2009 holiday season.
- **For more information, call the hotline at 904-350-1616.**