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**Fort Bend County Social Services and Partners Bring Christmas to Area Children with the Help of the Community**

For most, Christmas can be a magical time made up of cherished childhood memories. But for many Fort Bend County area children, Christmas is often just a reminder of their families’ struggles.

Fort Bend County Collaborative Information System (FBCCIS), a collaborative made up of 11 nonprofits, are once again aiming to bring a little glimmer of hope and magic into our children’s lives this holiday season. The 5th annual ***Santa Claus is Coming to Fort Bend County*** is underway in an effort to collect enough toys to provide a memorable Christmas to Fort Bend County area children. The goal is not only to collect toys for kids, but to also let children get a chance to meet Santa Claus as he delivers their very own toys.

Donations of gifts and toys are being sought from community members to make this drive a success. Donated toys and gifts for children (ages 0-14) can be dropped off until December 7th at any of the following partnering locations:

* Fort Bend County Social Services, Rosenberg Annex, 4520 Reading Rd Rosenberg, TX 77471
* Fort Bend County Social Services , Missouri City Annex, 307 Texas Pkwy, #235 Missouri City, TX 77459
* Rosenberg Fire Department Administration, 336 Hwy 36 South Rosenberg, TX 77471
* Rosenberg Fire Department stations:
  + Station 1, 1021 Fourth Street Rosenberg, TX  77471
  + Station 2, 5320 Reading Road Rosenberg, TX  77471
  + Station 3, 6226 August Green Drive, Rosenberg, TX  77471

Volunteers are also needed. If you can spare time to be an elf for a day, or help decorate Santa’s Toyland then contact Fort Bend County Social Services at 281-344-6116 and let us know how you can help.

Take the opportunity to be a part of bringing a little Christmas joy to our local children.

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