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NEWS RELEASE

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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE 2001

***DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S 10TH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE IS AGAIN
"STANDING ROOM ONLY"
D.A. To Arrive About 10:30am Today With Last Shipment For Packing***

WHAT: PHOTO OP

WHEN: MONDAY – DECEMBER 17, 2001

TIME: 10:30AM (-approximately) D.A. Arrives Outside With Today's Toys
11AM--All the toys can be photographed inside her office

WHERE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
1421 ARCH ST. 10TH FLOOR

NOTE: Photographers and reporters should come to the reception desk to be escorted to the 10th floor.

District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham has collected well over 1000 toys for her Annual Christmas Toy Drive. She will arrive today at approximately 10:30am, outside her office at 1421 Arch St., with today's final batch of boxes. She'll then begin packing up all the toys in her office for kids in Philadelphia.

This is the tenth year that the D.A. has collected Christmas toys for children, and this year's drive is again a great success. Her office is jam-packed, wall-to-wall toys, including ballerina costumes, dozens of games, puzzles, talking stuffed animals, teddy bears, beach toys, sporting equipment, trucks, toolsets, dolls, beanie babies, baking sets, mini shopping carts, roller skates, playsets, skateboards, teeballs, etc., etc.

Over the next few weeks, the district attorney will donate the toys to many churches, agencies and community groups, who will in turn deliver the Christmas toys and gifts to children all across the city. The D.A. will make many personal deliveries, and due to the large volume of toys, many organizations will pick up gifts at the office.

The District Attorney wishes to thank the following people and organizations, whose generosity will provide a Merry Christmas for at least 500 children in Philadelphia:

- Mr. Brian Cooney
- Cigna Corp. Foundation
- Ms. Linda Goldstein and Ms. Ellen Fulchiero, The Goldstein Group
- The Philadelphia Phillies and Philadelphia '76ers

The District Attorney's Annual Toy Drive is also made possible through the District Attorney's Urban Genesis Foundation, a tax-exempt, non-profit and publicly supported organization.