

Doing good for others makes Christmas brighter for us all

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We are now a little more than a week until Christmas and if you are like me the panic to get all the shopping, wrapping, cooking and decorating done is really setting in. I try to remind myself daily of the real reason for the season and when I take a moment to reflect on the folks in our community who do not have the means to shop for gifts and holiday meals this year, my "busy-ness" surely seems inconsequential.

Two great causes in our community are in real need of our help this holiday season. Toys for Tots,

operated annually by the fire departments and emergency response teams all over Robertson County, is experiencing extremely high levels of need. The Chamber of Commerce is accepting toys and cash donations for this drive now through Dec. 18 at our office on the square. We received a great many toys from our Christmas on the Square vendors and parade participants and also from our chamber members at our Christmas After Hours sponsored by



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Commerce Union Bank, but many more are needed. Please consider helping bring Christmas to a Robertson County child by buying

suppliers, including Material Handling, Inc. out of Dalton, Ga, made contributions to this fundraising effort as well. Capt. Will Yates, chair

a toy and dropping it with us or any of our county fire departments.

Electrolux Home Products made a significant contribution to the Springfield Toys for Tots campaign last week, presenting \$930 in donations from the sale of chili and nachos at their Christmas on the Square booth. Several of their

for the Springfield Fire Department's Toys for Tots program was very appreciative of Electrolux's involvement and noted that cash donations such as these are extremely helpful when trying to take care of requests for help for older children.

United Ministries and the Robertson County Emergency Food Bank are also experiencing increased demand for help with basic food items. Bath Fitter is holding an employee food drive again this year to help replenish the shelves at the Food Bank. Last year, Bath Fitter employees had a very creative competition between departments and filled a large transfer truck with non-perishable food items. A group of employee "elves" and Santa himself delivered and unloaded the truckload at the Robertson County Emergency Food Bank. Electrolux is also

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Far left, Bath Fitter employees unload a transfer truck load of food items donated to the Robertson County Emergency Food Bank. Left, Electrolux Home Products employees with the \$930 collected as a donation to Springfield's Toys for Tots Campaign.

