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# Should Be Able To Celebrate The Holidays! TOYSEOR Please Donate A New Unwrapped Toy SARATOGA

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### FIRST ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOGA CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS!

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. –The Toys for Toga campaign was formed by the Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau, DeCrescente Distributing Co and the Olde Saratoga Brewing Co. and was held in conjunction with the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Saratoga County Restaurant Week, December 6-12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. During the week, the public was asked to donate a new and unwrapped toy at any one of the 57 participating restaurants.

A kickoff event took place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Olde Saratoga Brewing Co., which invited local media, participating restaurants and partners to partake. Participating restaurants came to pick up their toy bins.

By the end of Restaurant Week, the campaign raised over 400 donated toys! These donated toys were distributed evenly on December 16<sup>th</sup> to these local charities: Franklin Community Center, Captain Youth and Family Services and Mechanicville Area Community Services Center.

Jamie Williams, Coordinator of Development of the Franklin Community Center explains, "The toys received from Toys for Toga allowed us to reach out to families who had missed the deadline for holiday assistance sign ups and provide them with great Christmas gifts. We were honored to be included in this wonderful collaboration."

For more information on Toys for Toga and Saratoga County Restaurant Week, please visit www.discoversaratoga.org/restaurantweek or call 518-584-1531.

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