

# The Warren Center Kicks Off Christmas in July Toy Drive

*Benefitting Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities at Annual Operation Santa Event*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Warren Center](#), a nonprofit agency providing professional evaluations, therapy services, and support to children with developmental delays and disabilities

is getting into the holiday spirit early this year by launching their Operation Santa toy drive during Christmas in July. Operation Santa is a specialized event for children and their families to celebrate the holiday season in a sensory-friendly way. Every December, families served by The

Warren Center are invited to celebrate the season at the annual holiday celebration featuring gifts, games, crafts, photos with Santa, and much more.

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*Amy Spawn, CEO of The Warren Center*

Now through July 31, The Warren Center is seeking generous donors to participate in the Operation Santa Toy Drive. Community members can help bring joy to a child this holiday season by shopping online or dropping off new, unwrapped toys for children ages birth to seven years old at The Warren Center's Richardson office by appointment. This year, the experts at The Warren Center hand-selected gifts to help children reach developmental

milestones. These gifts are available for purchase through The Warren Center's Amazon Wish List using this link: <https://a.co/eUDCokK>



“At least 70 percent of the families we serve live beneath Texas' poverty line. Without the generosity of our community, many of these children would not receive any gifts for Christmas. It can be extremely challenging to shop, wrap and attend holiday festivities while caring for a child with a chronic illness,” says Amy Spawn, CEO of The Warren Center. “The Operation Santa holiday event alleviates some of the stress of the holiday season for families who have children with developmental delays and disabilities. Our goal is to receive enough gifts to serve at least

500 deserving children and their families this holiday season."

The best gifts to give include puzzles, building blocks, stuffed animals, trucks, dolls, developmental board games, and arts and crafts sets. To organize a company toy drive or to schedule a drop off at The Warren Center's office located at 320 Custer Rd. Richardson, TX, please contact Leslie Chatman, [leslie.chatman@thewarrencenter.org](mailto:leslie.chatman@thewarrencenter.org). All toys will be collected by July 31, 2023. For more information, please call 972.490.9055.

The Warren Center provides therapy and support for over 3,000 families every year. Each day, the need for services continues to grow. The CDC estimates one in six children have intellectual or physical disabilities or delays. In Dallas County alone, over 102,000 children have a developmental disability. The period between birth to five years is a time of rapid development. The earliest possible intervention is critical due to the accelerated brain development during these first years of life. Early childhood intervention programs have been shown to yield benefits in academic achievement, behavior, educational progression and attainment, and labor market success. The Warren Center staff travels to 48 zip codes and more than 900 homes each week to serve children in need. The Warren Center offices also serve more than 200 children on-site for clinic-based services. Providing physical therapy, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, and social support is essential to help children with disabilities reach their full potential.

#### About the Warren Center

The Warren Center is a nonprofit agency providing professional evaluations, therapy services and support to children with developmental delays and disabilities. The center serves over 1,000 children each week as well as their families. Services include speech, occupational and physical therapy; developmental services; and nutrition as well as family education and support. The Early Childhood Intervention Program serves the entire northern half of Dallas County in 48 ZIP codes. Founded in 1968, 2018 marked The Warren Center's 50th anniversary. For more information, please visit <https://www.thewarrencenter.org> or follow The Warren Center on Facebook and Twitter.

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