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### **Pleasant Hill Police Department Gives Back to Hospitalized Children**

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa** – The Pleasant Hill Police Department will be giving back to hospitalized children by distributing holiday gifts on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics at 2 p.m. The Police Department raised money during ‘No-shave November’ and wanted to give back to children and their families who may not be as fortunate to be home during the holidays.

No-shave November has been a month-long journey for members of the Police Department as they challenged each other to raise money for children. “Through donations the department was able to raise \$1, 075,” said Officer Grimes. “This generosity displays the commitment the Police Department has to the community while taking a proactive approach to help children who may not make it home this holiday season. As an officer, it is great to see the Police Department come together and give back. It will be truly rewarding to see those children’s faces light up, because as a father, I can’t imagine what these families must be going through.”

The Police Department has worked closely with Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics to get as many items on the children’s wish list.

“As a department, this is our way to say “thank you” to the community and to these children who have shown incredible strength and support for law enforcement this past year,” said Al Pizzano Police Chief. “Our department felt it was important to give back in a positive way, while creating lasting relationships with these children. The strength of these children and their families inspires us to continue our efforts to work with our young people to build positive relationships that will continue to grow into the future. The joy and gratitude of these children is the best Christmas gift anyone could receive.”

Media interested in attending this give back event on Thursday, Dec. 8 is asked to contact Gregg Lagan at Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines at 515.490.6636 or [glagan@mercydesmoines.org](mailto:glagan@mercydesmoines.org).

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