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Dear Fellow Texan:

In November 2009, the Texas State Guard launched its first **Young Heroes of the Guard** Christmas Toy Drive. Our goal was to recognize the struggle and bravery of the many children confined in the children's hospitals in the Dallas/Fort Worth area – Cook Children's, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, Our Children's House at Baylor and Children's Medical Center – and bring a moment's happiness and encouragement to each of them.

While we anticipated that we would gather and distribute about 600 toys a year ago, we were thrilled to hand out 2,444 toys and books ... because of the generosity of everyday Texans like you! It's time we did this again, and for this year's drive we plan to reach more hospitals and a lot more children.

To that end, we will soon begin gathering new toys of all descriptions, at multiple locations – churches, businesses, restaurants, etc. – for distribution to the children on 18 December 2010.

Our question is simply this – would you be willing to support this effort by posting one or more notices and by placing a collection drop-box (all of which we will provide) in a location where everyone will see them? The drop-box would be emptied and maintained regularly by a military service-member, so your responsibility would be minimal, but your contribution enormous. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

If you want further information on any aspect of this worthy and needed effort, please do not hesitate to email us. If you can assist in this cause, we and the children will be much in your debt.

Kindest regards,

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