



# Texas Military Department News

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Those media wishing to cover the toy distribution in Fort Worth are welcome to do so at Cook Children's Medical Center at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, and must arrive no later than 830 a.m. for parking and coordination.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 by 7 a.m. with 4th Regiment Chaplain Todd Virnoche at 817-919-9127 and Cook Children's Media Relations Kim Griffith at 817-266-3728.

Cook Children's Medical Center is located at 801 7th Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104.  
Media should meet with the hospital media relations Kim Griffith at the main entrance located at 801 7th Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104.

## **FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:**

## **Texas State Guard Delivers Toys to Cook Children's Medical Center**

**AUSTIN, Texas (Dec. 06, 2018)** – Dozens of uniformed members of the Texas State Guard (TXSG), will sort, organize, and prepare hundreds of toys for delivery to children at Cook Children's Medical Center, Dec. 8 2018, at 9 a.m.

"Thanks to the generous donations of Texans, around the state, we hope to deliver more than 75,000 toys to children in hospitals and other organizations," said Sgt. 1st Class John Gately, statewide toy drive coordinator for the Guard. "To see the children smile with joy is the most rewarding experience during the year."

In its tenth year, the toy distribution is part of the Texas State Guard "Young Heroes of the Guard" toy drive program designed to collect and deliver new toys to pediatric patients at dedicated children's hospitals, orphanages, and women's shelters in Texas during the holiday season. Additionally, the goal is to collect enough toys to leave behind an inventory of stuffed animals, games, dolls and more for the hospitals to give to patients throughout the following year.

Since 2009, Texas State Guard volunteers have collected and distributed more than 200,000 toys to children across Texas who are spending the holiday season away from home.

For more information about the Texas State Guard and the “Young Heroes of the Guard” Toy Drive visit <https://txsgtoydrive.com>.

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