

# Rowlett

## News Release



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### **Holiday Toy Drives for Tornado-Impacted and Less Fortunate Residents**

**ROWLETT, TX** – The Rowlett Police Department are proud to reprise their annual *Stop a Cop for Christmas* toy drive, which runs through December 23. Donations will go to the Rowlett Needy Children’s Fund for distribution to families living in Rowlett. Residents can wave down any officer out on patrol, if not responding to a call, they will be happy to accept donations of new, unwrapped toys and other gifts appropriate for children of all ages. Toys may also be dropped off 24 hours a day at the following locations:

Rowlett Police Department – 4401 Rowlett Road  
Fire Station 1 – 3900 Miller Road  
Fire Station 2 – 5100 Dalrock Road  
Fire Station 3 – 8000 Princeton Road  
Fire Station 4 – 6800 Rowlett Road

Rowlett Police Officers and Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) will accept toy donations in the Rowlett Walmart parking lot:  
Saturday, December 3 – 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.  
Saturday, December 10 – 2:00-6:00 P.M.  
Saturday, December 17 – 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

#### ***Tornado Christmas Toy Drive***

On December 26, 2015, an EF4 tornado hit Rowlett, 1,300 homes and businesses were impacted. While the recovery process is in motion, the needs are still many. Some have only recently moved back home, with more hoping to make this move before the end of the year. *Rowlett Strong*, a non-profit organized to fundraise for those affected by the tornado, is conducting a toy drive in an effort to replace what Rowlett, Garland, and other area children lost on the day after Christmas. Equify, LLC has donated over 1,000 new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 6-12, so the biggest need lies in new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-6 years, and gift cards for children over age 12.

#### ***Drive-through drop-off events:***

Saturday, November 26 and December 3  
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.  
Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama

*Rowlett daily drop off locations:*

Walmart Neighborhood Market  
Southern Pride Openings  
Kyoto  
Premier Vet Animal Care Clinic  
Kid's Sharing  
Applebee's  
Bankhead Brewery  
Dr. Greg Maul Family Practice  
Steadham Elementary School  
Schrade Middle School  
Herfuth Elementary School  
Coyle Middle School  
Cornerstone Assembly of God  
Liberty Grove Elementary School  
Rowlett High School  
CrossFit Rowlett  
El Centro Mexican Restaurant  
Spirit Outfitters  
The Lokken Law Firm/Main St.  
Palio's Pizza Cafe  
Rowlett Chamber of Commerce  
Cotton Mill Learning Center  
Coldwell Banker Apex Realtors  
Tornado Relief Center

Tornado-impacted residents from Rowlett, Garland and other areas are invited to gather for lunch and pick up donated toys and gift cards at the First Baptist Church on Main Street on Saturday, December 17, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Please bring identification showing an address in the affected areas.

Interview Requests:

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Visit [www.rowlettstrong.org](http://www.rowlettstrong.org) for drop-off locations in Garland, Wylie, and for more details.

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