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LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE VOLUNTEERS PREP FOR SPARKY'S GIFT BRIGADE

Lincoln Fire and Rescue volunteers will be back in the community with a very important and unique program this holiday season. Sparky's Gift Brigade is an annual program that provides gifts to children that are hospitalized in the pediatric or child psychiatric units of Lincoln's three hospitals over the winter holidays.

Lincoln Fire and Rescue Public Education Coordinator and Volunteer Stacy Schneider said, "It is an especially difficult time of year for children that aren't able to be home with their families due to illness or injury so we do our best to bring a little bit of the holidays to them."

Donations are collected throughout the year from individuals and area businesses. On December 24th, Lincoln Fire and Rescue employees deliver to each child a toy and a bag full of goodies. LF&R employees also present each pediatric and child psychiatric ward with larger gifts that can be used by children in the ward all year long.

LF&R Chief Mike Spadt thanked the volunteering employees and the local businesses taking part in the program. "This type of outreach is another example of our commitment to this community and of the quality individuals that make up the Lincoln Fire and Rescue family. Sparky's Gift Brigade would not be possible without them and the donating businesses."