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### **VETERANS GROUP TO ENCORE “TOYS FOR THE TROOPS’ KIDS” TOY DRIVE**

CRVA Charities, Inc. announces the 3rd annual “Toys For The Troops’ Kids” Toy Drive, in Citrus Heights, California , with opening ceremonies on December 10, 2005, at noon, concluding at six p.m. on December 23. The event is at the Sunrise Festival Shopping Center, at the intersection of Sunrise Blvd and Greenback Lane. Co-Sponsors are the City of Citrus Heights, Sunrise Market Place, and the Sunrise Festival Shopping Center.

Assemblyman Roger Niello, County Supervisor Roberta McGlashan, Citrus Heights Mayor Jeannie Bruins and military dignitaries will participate in opening ceremonies, together with Deborah Johns, co-founder of Northern California Marine Moms.

In the 2004 drive, \$250,000 worth of toys were placed with the Family Support Units of Travis AFB and Beale AFB in time for Christmas distribution to Air Force families. The beneficiaries of the drive are the children of military members deployed overseas, and of military members who have been killed in the line of duty since 9-1-1.

Travis AFB, Beale AFB, LeMoore Naval Air Station, regional Army Reserve Units, and the California National Guard will be the recipients of the 2005 collection effort.

Bill Stein, Sacramento attorney, Vietnam veteran, and president of the not-for-profit CRVA Charities, Inc. stated: “In the Christmas season, young men and women in uniform are in harm’s way, protecting us from those who would do us harm. Their Christmas gifts to us are their huge sacrifices, oftentimes with financial hardship to their families. This Toy Drive is our gift to their children, who also sacrifice for the service of their moms and dads in uniform.”

Elected officials, community, veteran and military dignitaries, media personalities and supportive volunteers will serve as Santa’s elves; Santa Claus himself will be making several guest appearances.

All contributions of toys or money are tax deductible. Monetary contributions can be sent to CRVA Charities, Inc., 815 University Ave, Sacramento, Cal, 95825. Toys may be delivered to the toy drive site after December 10.

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