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TPD Blue Santa Program Applications to Open October 20

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TEMPLE, TX (October 20, 2023) – Applications for the Temple Police Department’s 2023 Blue Santa program will open on Friday, October 20.

Through Blue Santa, the Temple Police Department helps local families in need by partnering with residents and local businesses to collect gift donations in the form of toys and books. Those who are interested in applying are required to live within Temple City limits and must provide proof of residence and age verification. The program is open to families with children aged 14 and under.

The department will also be accepting new, unwrapped toy donations for the program, and residents who would like to donate can drop off their items in the donation box in the department’s lobby.

“Serving others is a core function of our mission statement, and Blue Santa is a testament to helping the Temple community,” said Temple Police Chief Shawn Reynolds. “This program symbolizes our dedication to spreading joy and making the holiday season a little brighter for kids and families.”

In 2022, the Blue Santa program provided help to 178 families and 447 kids, with a total of 2,235 gifts wrapped.

Applications close on Friday, November 17. Forms are available for pick-up in the Temple Police Department lobby, located at 209 E Avenue A.

For more information about Blue Santa, please visit templetx.gov/bluesanta.