

# 18th Annual Toy Drive

1881 Wantagh Avenue

**Donation Dates:**  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**9AM - 4PM**

**November 28 & 29**  
**December 5 & 6**  
**December 12 & 13**  
**December 19 & 20**

Please see back cover for directions  
and  
alternate Toy Drive drop off locations.

**For Monetary Donations,**  
Please make checks payable to:

**JTCF**  
1881 Wantagh Avenue  
Wantagh, NY 11793

For further information, please call  
(516) 679-TOYS or (516) 679-5098  
Please visit our web site at  
**www.jtcf.org**

All donations are tax-deductible

**Thank You For Your Support!**

**Directions to Toy Drive**  
1881 Wantagh Avenue

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(Foundation Center)

**From Southern State Parkway:**  
Take exit 28 South, Wantagh Avenue. Go  
approximately two miles. 1881 Wantagh  
Avenue will be on your left in The Wantagh  
Shopping Plaza, (next to Hemingway's restaurant).

**Alternate Toy Drive Drop Off Locations,**  
**Beginning November 16, 2009:**

**WBAB 102.3 Studio**  
located at 555 Sunrise Highway, West Babylon  
(631) 587-1023 [www.wbab.com](http://www.wbab.com)  
or any WBAB event.



**Long Island Friendly's Restaurants**  
Visit any of the 32 Friendly's restaurants to drop  
off a new toy for the foundation.  
For a complete list of locations, please visit:  
[www.jtcf.org](http://www.jtcf.org) or [www.wbab.com](http://www.wbab.com).



**P & G Grippo**  
3994 Jerusalem Ave., Seaford, NY 11783

**JOHN THEISSEN**  
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION



**18th Annual  
Toy Drive**

Benefiting Sick and Underprivileged Children  
across Long Island

A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization  
(formerly Toys For Sick Children)

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**www.jtcf.org**

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Sometimes A Smile Is The Best Medicine

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# How It All Began

In 1992, I founded The John Theissen Children's Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. When I was 17 years old I was hospitalized for a brain tumor at a local children's hospital. During my stay, my family and I befriended a seven-year old girl named Tasha. This little girl was in and out of the hospital throughout the year receiving different treatments for her illness. She received very little family support. She was dropped off and then picked up again when it was time to go home without ever having a visitor. Tasha was very excited about a holiday party sponsored by the hospital staff and was expecting her family to attend. They unfortunately did not. I was still too ill but my family agreed to take her. When Santa asked her what she wanted, Tasha replied, "I would like a teddy bear for friend upstairs", I felt fortunate to be that friend. Her positive attitude and generous spirit inspired me. When I got out of the hospital I wanted to help children just like Tasha.

In 1992, I held a toy drive during the holidays to benefit children in local hospitals. During the first toy drive I collected over 800 new toys in just two weeks and brought them to three different hospitals. Well that was the beginning of what has become a year round organization. Since 1992, we have collected over 600,000 new toys and have donated them to sick and underprivileged children in over 185 hospitals and child-care facilities each year. We also donate therapeutic and recreational equipment. Donations have enabled us to provide televisions, video game systems, wheelchairs, and arts & crafts supplies, in addition, we have been able to help families with medical expenses and fulfill wishes.

I sincerely hope that you can provide us with the support we greatly need. By supporting the John Theissen Children's Foundation, you can help put a smile on the face of a sick or underprivileged child this holiday season.

## Frequently Asked Questions!

### Q. Why unwrapped toys?

**A.** We ask for unwrapped toys because many of the toys must be sterilized. We also need to know that the toys are age appropriate for the children before a child receives it. In addition, we need to identify the toy that may be on a child's wish list.

### Q. How can I make a monetary donation?

**A.** We accept monetary donations by checks, credit cards and cash. The checks should be made out to JTCF. We also accept all major credit cards.

### Q. Is my donation tax deductible?

**A.** Yes, to the fullest extent of the law. We are a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

### Q. How can I get my company/business/group/school more involved?

**A.** We are always looking for businesses, groups and schools to hold a toy drive at their location, office or at their holiday party. We will come to your office or school to talk about the foundation and answer any questions you have.

### Q. Who will receive the donations?

**A.** We help sick and underprivileged children ages birth to 18 years old.

### Q. Do you accept gently used items?

**A.** No. Unfortunately we cannot use them. The hospitals and facilities we service will not accept them.

### Q. Do you have a web site?

**A.** Our web site address is [www.jtcf.org](http://www.jtcf.org)

For further information please contact:

**John Theissen**

**Childrens's Foundation**

516-679-5098 or 516-679-TOYS

Fax 516-679-3338

Monetary donations can be sent to:

**John Theissen Children's Foundation**

**1881 Wantagh Avenue**

**Wantagh, NY 11793**

This donation is in honor of:

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This donation is in memory of :

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Please send acknowledgement of this donation to:

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Please make checks payable to: **JTCF**

For Credit Card Payments

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All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged in writing by JTCF for IRS purposes.