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PRESS RELEASE

Ideal Retirement Solutions' Foster Angel Toy Drive Gains Early Support Ahead of November Launch

Inspired by its COO's personal connection to fostering, the Port Charlotte firm aims to collect 300 toys and $1,000 in gift cards and welcomes families to Santa's Workshop November 21.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla., October 26, 2026 — The Foster Angel Toy Drive hasn't officially started, but the giving already has. With toys arriving early and more than half of its $1,000 gift card goal already reached, Ideal Retirement Solutions is inviting the community to build on that generosity and help brighten Christmas for children in foster care.

Running **November 1–30**, the drive benefits children from birth through age 18 served by **Safe Children Coalition**. This year's goal is **300 new, unwrapped toys and $1,000 in gift cards**, building on the 178 toys and more than $800 in gift cards collected last year.

The partnership began with a personal connection to fostering for Amy Tipton, the firm's chief operating officer.

> *"Foster care will always hold a special place in my heart because it's how our beautiful daughter became part of our family. That personal connection is what makes our partnership with Safe Children Coalition so meaningful to me. Every child deserves to feel loved, valued, and celebrated, especially during the holidays. Seeing our community come together to make Christmas a little brighter for children in foster care is truly heartwarming. My hope is that this drive not only brings joy to these children but also raises awareness and inspires others to make a difference in their lives."*

That connection helped inspire an effort that now brings the firm's team, clients and neighbors together around a shared purpose: helping children feel remembered at Christmas.

The response follows a year of community giving that also included the firm's school supply drive, which provided 126 backpacks and additional support for Atwater Elementary. Through the Foster Angel Toy Drive, Ideal Retirement Solutions hopes to carry that spirit into the Christmas season, with opportunities for individuals, families and local businesses to participate.

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A morning of Christmas memories and giving back

As part of the drive, Ideal Retirement Solutions will host **Santa's Workshop on Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to noon**, at **17896 Toledo Blade Blvd., Port Charlotte**.



The community celebration will feature:

- Visits with Santa, with families welcome to take their own photos.
- Reindeer food making for Christmas Eve.
- Christmas ornament crafts.
- A letter-writing station for Santa.
- A hot cocoa bar and more holiday fun.

Families are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card donation. Gifts of any value are appreciated; there is no minimum donation, and gifts do not need to be expensive. Those who have already donated are welcome to enjoy the celebration without bringing another gift.

The morning gives parents, grandparents and children an opportunity to make holiday memories together while taking part in something that reaches beyond their own Christmas celebrations.

How to participate

Donations will be collected **November 1–30** at **Ideal Retirement Solutions, 17896 Toledo Blade Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948**. Community members can donate new, unwrapped toys for children from birth through age 18 or gift cards from retailers such as Walmart, Target or Amazon. **Cash donations cannot be accepted**.

Donations may also be brought to Santa's Workshop on November 21. Gifts will be delivered in early December.

For donation drop-off hours, event information or questions, call **941-876-8985**.

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