

# Toy drives yield thousands of gifts

## Donations fill two 15-foot trucks



**From left:**  
Jennifer Lesser,  
Gary Lesser,  
Beth Popp,  
Debbie Katz,  
Joanne Cass,  
Marty Katz,  
Marty Cass and  
George Popp.

Two 15-foot truckloads of gifts for families in need have been donated by more than 400 county residents and business owners as part of the 15th annual pre-holiday party.

The event, held in November, was organized by four Palm Beach County families and Community Friends, a nonprofit organization.

The hosts were Debbie and Marty Katz, founders of Community Friends; Beth and George Popp; Jennifer and Gary Lesser; and Joanne and Martin Cass.

"This is the 15th year that some of these folks have gotten together to party for a good cause, that of helping children, families and the elderly in our community," Debbie Katz said.

The gifts were distributed to families associated with Community Friends,

### ■ Community Friends

Harmony House, the YWCA, American Cancer Society Pediatric Oncology Unit, Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service, Guatemalan-Mayan Center, Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Morse Geriatric Center, Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches and Child Outreach.

"My wife and I are always happy to donate toys and encourage our friends to do so as well," Gary Lesser said. "This event demonstrates that our community can come together and really make a big difference."

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