October 11, 2016

Dear Kiwanis Friend;

The holidays are quickly approaching and Kiwanis Club of Portage is busy supporting many holiday programs and community events! One of our favorite annual events is the U.S. Marine Corp.’s Toys for Tots Toy Drive and Concert. This year, Toys for Tots can be dropped off at the New Portage Police Dept. at 6260 Central Ave. In lieu of a parade, Portage will have a Christmas Festival. The Portage Kiwanis Club will be serving Chili will all the fixings and other goodies at the Portage Fire Station. The Police Dept. will be serving up hot chocolate and sharing Christmas stories with the children. Santa and Mrs. Claus are also on hand to visit with the children, Willowcreek Middle School Choir with be entertaining guests with Christmas Carols, and the U.S. Marine Corp. – Leatherneck Detachment will be collecting toys. The afternoon will end with the lighting of the tree in the foyer of the Portage Police Dept. This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd.

As part of our fundraising endeavor we are asking businesses and organizations to participate in one of several ways;

1. Support the event with a monetary donation to Toys For Tots
2. Hold a Toy Collection Drive within your company or organization
3. Host a Collection box at your place of business
4. Join us on December 3rd for our Chili Luncheon and holiday festivities!
5. Take out a personal or business advertisement on our placemat for only $50!

Monies raised from the luncheon’s placemat ads are used to purchase dictionaries for every Portage Township third grade student. Luncheon proceeds are donated to Toys For Tots.

Please accept our invitation to join us on December 3rd for great entertainment, scrumptious food, and to support a fun-filled family event that will bring joy to many children this Christmas season. Don’t forget to bring at least one new, unwrapped toy. Those bringing an unwrapped toy will receive a ticket for a free bowl of chili.

Kiwanis is a global volunteer organization dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. We hope you will join us in making a difference in the Portage community!

With Our Appreciation,

Kiwanis Club of Portage

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