



# Commerce Connects

## SFM Kicks Off 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive for the Children's Hospital Burn Unit

It's that time of year again when the spirit of giving takes center stage. The Division of State Fire Marshal is once again hosting its annual Toy Drive fundraiser. For a decade, this fundraising event aims to bring a little joy and comfort to young patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital Burn Unit. That's where Commerce comes in.

SFM will be hosting various events as fundraisers for the Toy Drive this year. One of them will be an on-line silent auction of items made or donated by Commerce staff.



In years past, SFM has kept this event within just the Division. But for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are opening up the auction – both for donations and bidding – to all of Commerce .

Do you have a secret talent or hobby? Can you make and/or donate an item to include in the auction?

If so – please contact Tracie Boyd via email: [tracie.boyd@com.ohio.gov](mailto:tracie.boyd@com.ohio.gov) and put “Toy Drive” in the subject line. Let Tracie know ASAP if you will be able to

donate an item. All items must be at SFM by December 1. Volunteers are available to help transport your donated items.

The on-line auction of all the donated items will take place during the first weeks of December. Details to come. Examples of items donated for bidding in the past include: a homemade stained glass suncatcher; a tumbler with the SFM logo; a custom cake; homemade cookies; Christmas wreaths; a handmade cutting board; pixel art; and numerous handmade Christmas crafts and ornaments.

Don't worry if you want to participate but aren't 'crafty'. There will be plenty of opportunity to bid on items and, as always, you can make toy or monetary donations. More details – and an Amazon wish list – will be coming soon.

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Burn Unit is dedicated to providing comprehensive care to pediatric burn victims. From emergency care to rehabilitation, they work tirelessly to help children heal both physically and emotionally. However, the journey towards recovery is often long and challenging.

Your small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Let's make this year's State Fire Marshal's Annual Toy Drive the best one yet!