

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CLARA

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ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CLARA HOSTS “CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS”

Gives Children in Need a Holiday to Remember

*Special Visit from **Sharkie**, San Jose Sharks Mascot!*

Santa Clara, CA –December 7, 2015– The Rotary Club of Santa Clara (www.santaclararotary.org) will host “Christmas for Kids”, a wonderful program that brings joy and cheer to over 150 underprivileged children from the Santa Clara Unified School district by providing these children with warm coats and of course, Santa to distribute giant gift bags with 6 or 7 new toys.

The program will be held at the Lexus Stevens Creek (www.lexusstevenscreek.com) car dealership in San Jose, a major supporter to this charity event.

THE EVENT DETAILS

What: Christmas For Kids

Where: Steven's Creek Lexus (3333 Stevens Creek Blvd, San Jose)

When: Thursday, December 10, 2015, 10:00 am -1:00 pm

In addition, an added plus to the program, a special visit by **Sharkie**, the San Jose Sharks mascot! Since his NHL debut in January 1992, **Sharkie** has become one of the most recognized mascots in the universe. He's a highly respected figure both inside and outside of SAP Center and throughout the hockey community.

We wish to acknowledge the other supporters to the Christmas for Kids program for their donation of time and expense in making this a magical program.

Royal Coach Tours (www.royal-coach.com) will provide the transportation for the children to and from the event.

Angie's Paintbrush Face Painting (www.facepaintingsantaclara.com) will be on site providing her talented face painting for the children.

Holder's Country Inn (www.holderscountryinn.com) will provide and serve hot lunch.

Hundreds of hours over the course of the year are needed to prepare for this annual event. These hours include shopping, purchasing, transporting, sorting, wrapping the gifts,” said Andy Ratermann, Rotary Club President. “We are so grateful to Lexus of Stevens Creek who has made a tremendous contribution to the event by offering their customers a 10% discount off their service bill for donations of new unwrapped gifts valued at \$10 or more, and this is in addition to the use of their facility ” he added.

Our club members, their family and friends, Rotary Interactors from community high schools, other sponsors and volunteers will actively man this event at the Lexus Stevens Creek dealership in Santa Clara

“Christmas for Kids is one of our favorite events of the year, and we are so thrilled to continue to support The Rotary Club of Santa Clara and thank them for their efforts in making such a positive difference in our community,” says Jared Miller, Lexus of Stevens Creek General Manager & Vice-President. “It is such a joy and just warms our hearts to see the children’s faces when they receive their gifts from Santa, and knowing that these gifts may be the only ones that they receive for the holidays, it’s just so special,” he added.

ABOUT LEXUS OF STEVENS CREEK CARES

Since 2010, Lexus of Stevens Creek has been partnering with local non-profit organizations in an effort to help others. From hosting donation drives to offering scholarships to student athletes to opening their doors to charities, Lexus of Stevens Creek is always looking for ways to give back and help make a difference.

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CLARA

The Rotary Club of Santa Clara, established in 1936, is dedicated to serving the local and world community. Composed of business and community leaders, the club designs its many projects to represent the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Santa Clara Rotary supports the community with many projects: Steps for Success, Christmas for Kids, college scholarships, Enterprise Leadership Conference, Interact and Rotaract clubs, speech contests, and special grants awarded to local organizations. In addition to making major contributions to the welfare of the city of Santa Clara, Rotarians have strongly supported many international projects such as the Rotary goal of global polio eradication. For more information about the club, please visit our website at www.santaclararotary.org