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Stellantis Windsor Assembly Plant Employees Donate Toys Stuffed Into Seven Chrysler Pacifica Minivans Valued at Over \$27,000 Toward 'Sparky's Toy Drive'

December 15, 2021, Windsor, Ontario - Today, at Windsor Fire and Rescue Services Station No. 5, a socially distanced presentation was held in support of the Windsor Firefighter's annual Sparky's Toy Drive. Donated toys, overflowing from seven Chrysler Pacifica minivans, valued at over \$27,000 were delivered by Stellantis Windsor Assembly Plant Manager, Jon Desjardins, plant employees and members of Unifor 444.

The donation from Stellantis Windsor Assembly Plant employees will go to local Windsor-Essex children in need this holiday season.

"Our Windsor Assembly Plant employees continue to amaze me with their unwavering generosity to those less fortunate in our community and I want to thank all the volunteers and individuals that braved the weather at the collection gates - your support is greatly appreciated," said Desjardins. "Even with the unrelenting challenges faced by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, they continue to overcome and dig deep to help ensure that thousands of children in Windsor and Essex County have a joyful holidays."

As with past campaigns, employees again exceeded the donation from last year, filling the seven Windsor-built Chrysler Pacifica minivan full of toys in less than one week.

All toys and collections donated on behalf of Stellantis Windsor Assembly Plant employees were made respecting social distancing and the proper PPE was worn at all times.

2021 is the 19th year that Stellantis has been donating to Sparky's Toy Drive, the annual local holiday campaign that collects brand-new toys for more than 3,200 children in need throughout the Windsor-Essex community. The program is organized by Windsor Fire and Rescue Services.

"Stellantis has been our biggest contributor for many years and their generosity is a major reason Sparky's Toy Drive has helped approximately 13,000 children in our community over the past five years," said Sean Costello, Sparky's Toy Drive Coordinator, Windsor Fire and Rescue Services. "We are extremely grateful to have such a supportive community partner!"

Since 2002, Stellantis employees have filled nearly 100 minivans with toys valued at over \$255,000.

The public is encouraged to join the cause and help local families by donating new, unopened toys or monetary gifts. Donations can be dropped off at Windsor fire stations listed on the Toy Drive's official website <http://www.sparkystoydrivewindsor.com/> between now and December 23.

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