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THE FRESH JERSEY TOMATOES HOLDING TOY DRIVE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM CHARLOTTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (August 24, 2016) - The Fresh Jersey Tomatoes (FJT's), a group of 70 women originally from New Jersey who now reside in Charlotte County, are holding the FJT Toy Drive for underprivileged children currently receiving services from Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC).

Holiday wrapped boxes will be located at some of your favorite local retail stores and restaurants in addition to the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce and the Punta Gorda Police and Fire Department. Donations of new/unwrapped toys for boys and girls – infants to 18 years old – would be greatly appreciated. Each participating partner will have a list of toy suggestions (by age group). The Drive lasts until December 1st.

“The toy drive is being held in response to the urgent need of our struggling families,” said Kelly Pomerville, CBHC Marketing & PR Manager. “Toy donations will alleviate pressure on families that would have to choose between purchasing holiday gifts and necessary staples, such as food. We are so thankful that FJT's have stood up to shine some holiday spirit into these kids' lives.”

Four Points by Sheraton has included the FJT Toy Drive in their Kixmass end of year party. The T.T.'s Tiki Bar will host The Jack Michael band on Friday, December 2, and Maiden Cane on Saturday. Our holiday donation boxes will be placed at the Tiki for your convenience.

“We are so excited to be helping the CBHC who do so much for these children in our community. We hope while shopping for the holidays, you will make a donation to these children who face challenges on a daily basis. A small gift would bring great joy,” said Nanette Leonard/Fresh Jersey Tomatoes.

Donation boxes will be placed at the following locations:

THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE, HIPNOTIQUE, CBHC, COPPERFISH BOOKS, ISLES FITNESS, LAISHLEY'S CRAB HOUSE, FRIENDLY FLOORS, (Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte Showrooms), FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON'S T.T.'S TIKI BAR, HARPOON HARRY'S, MUSCLE CAR CITY, LEROYS SOUTHERN KITCHEN, THE PUNTA GORDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE PUNTA GORDA POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE PUNTA GORDA FIRE DEPARTMENT (STATION #3).

About Charlotte Behavioral Health Care

Operating for 47 years, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care seeks to optimize health, improve quality of life and build an overall feeling of wellness for all children, adolescents, adults and families in Charlotte County. More than 2,000 children and a total of 15,000 residents are treated annually at CBHC for mental illnesses, behavioral disorders or substance abuse addictions.

CBHC helps individuals find hope for a brighter tomorrow through effective mental health and substance abuse treatment provided to children and families in Charlotte County. For more information, visit www.cbhcfi.org.

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