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## Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors and Bronx YMCA hold "Operation Realtors Kids" Toy Drive

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Eli Rodriguez in the Bronx office at last year's Toy Drive

Bronx, NY The Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (HGAR) and the Bronx YMCA are working together again to bring joy to the holiday season for families living in the Bronx, through their annual "Operation Realtors Kids" Toy Drive. This is the ninth year that the Realtor Association has operated the toy drive, and will it run from December 7 through 18.

Realtors and members of the public are being asked to drop off unwrapped toys at HGAR's Bronx location, 1867 Williamsbridge Rd. or White Plains location, One Maple Ave., from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Toys may also be dropped off at the YMCA at 2 Castle Hill Ave., Bronx. Please contact Eliezer Rodriguez at eliezer.rodriguez@hgar.com, to choose from a list of desired toys.

"Our members and friends give generously during the Holiday Season to help our neighbors in need, and especially this year, with the COVID pandemic, so many families require our help," said Eliezer Rodriguez, director of advocacy, commercial & legislative issues for Bronx & Manhattan | liaison for Bronx Chapter. "Our Realtors are committed to building communities, as well as sustaining them."

On Christmas Day, December 25, "Operation Realtors Kids" will make its rounds through various Bronx neighborhoods, visiting at least 21 homes with gifts for 80 children. "Over the years, we have partnered with the association to spread holiday cheer to the homes of hundreds of families," said Sharlene Brown, executive director of the Bronx YMCA. "That's what Christmas is all about."

Those interested in making a monetary donation toward toys, wrapping supplies and distribution to children, please visit HGAR.com for details. The Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors is a not-for-profit trade association representing over 13,000 real estate professionals doing business in the Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, and Orange counties. It is the second largest Realtor Association in New York, and one of the largest in the country.

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