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## **"Claus for a Cause" Toy Giveaway at HANO Sites Was a Big Hit**

New Orleans (December 22, 2022) – The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) partnered with the non-profit 1 Life 1 Future this week in their "Claus for a Cause" toy giveaway for children residing in HANO's housing developments. Toys were given out this Wednesday at three of HANO's locations.

Florida, The Estates and Fischer housing developments were the sites where a caravan of trucks and minivans descended upon with gifts for children of all ages, specially wrapped by HANO employees who volunteered their time to make this project extra special.

"We are grateful to 1 Life 1 Future and all of the community partners involved who helped to organize and plan this amazing event for our families," stated Jedidiah Jackson, Director of Client Services at HANO. "The number of businesses and individuals who offered to support our "Claus for a Cause" toy giveaway was fantastic this year and helped make the event a special one for the children," he stated. And the list of donors was impressive with toy donations coming from HANO employees, Hampton-Harrison Law Firm, Legal Aid, Judge Jennifer Medley, J.L.G. Future Investments, Trinity P.T. NOLA and State Senator Royce Duplessis. Enterprise Rent-A-Car was the donor of the vehicles used to haul all of Santa's gifts to the properties for the big day.

The CEO of 1 Life 1 Future, John Green, had some thoughts to add: "It was really great working with the HANO staff this year to help make this cause of mine a reality. At the end of the day, I wanted to be able to put a smile on the children's faces during this holiday season and that is exactly what we saw, happy smiling children. Mission accomplished."

A special appearance was made by State Senator Royce Duplessis to help hand out toys to the young residents, and of course, Santa Claus himself took some time away from his busy schedule at the North Pole to come help spread some holiday cheer with the toy giveaway a little early this season.

### **About the Housing Authority of New Orleans**

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is focused on providing affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents of the city of New Orleans while laying the foundation for economic sustainability. HANO serves approximately 22,000 low-income families including the elderly and disabled through a combination of their Housing Choice Voucher Program and public housing units.

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