

**Please help a neighbor this season
*Give to Operation Santa Claus!***

The Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation was formed in 1998 to provide funds to help people in need within the community. With Clackamas Fire District 1, the Foundation's membership now includes law enforcement partners from Oregon City and Milwaukie Police Departments, and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

The Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization and is 100% funded by donations and fundraisers.



Clackamas Fire District 1 personnel pose with community helpers and a van full of food, toys, and other gift items collected during a 2008 parade.



Operation Santa Claus
Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation
c/o Clackamas Fire District #1
11300 SE Fuller Road
Milwaukie, OR 97222



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Foundation*



***Operation Santa Claus
2009***

*Providing happier holidays
for 35 years*



Helping make the holiday season brighter...



Operation Santa Claus has been a part of Clackamas Fire District #1 since 1974. After recognizing the need to provide toys and food baskets to people that were probably not experiencing the joys of the holiday season, firefighters established Operation Santa Claus. The project has grown to be a month-long holiday toy and food drive. Fire District personnel lead Santa's fire engine parade down neighborhood streets to collect non-perishable food items, used to fill hundreds of food baskets for families in need. Area businesses and civic groups contribute in a variety of ways.



Operation Santa Claus is funded entirely by donations from the community—

Thank You!

Operation Santa Claus participates with Compassion In Action—Clackamas County (www.ciacc.org), a coordinating group that helps assure every fire district resident requesting assistance is served. Those in need can pick up an application at any local DHS, social services, or housing authority office.

The economic recession this year has been especially difficult for many of our neighbors. Clackamas County social service agencies predict that requests for holiday assistance will be up by over 1/3 from previous years!



Please help if you can!

For More Information

- > Visit the website: www.clackamasfire.com
All the info including maps of SANTA'S FIRE ENGINE PARADES in your neighborhood!
- > Call the OPSANTA Hotline: (503) 742-2941
Daily and last-minute parade updates!
- > Stop by: Any of our community fire stations
To meet your firefighter/medics!
- > Questions?: Contact Operation Santa Claus Administrator at (503) 742-2940



Operation Santa Claus does not solicit donations via telephone.

Operation Santa Claus does not favor any specific faith-based or any other community group or individual.

How To Help

- **The Giving Tree** The Giving Tree is displayed at the Clackamas Town Center mall between Thanksgiving and Christmas. To participate, visit the Giving Tree and select a giving card. The card will identify the child's or family's need. Purchase the requested gift and return it to the Giving Tree prior to December 24.
- **Donation Barrels** Collection Barrels for non-perishable food and new toys are located at all Clackamas Fire District #1 community fire stations as well as in many local businesses. Check the website to see which businesses are offering discounts for donating to their barrels!
- **The Parades** Each year throughout the holiday season, Santa's Fire Engine Parade meanders through neighborhood streets to collect your donations of non-perishable foods and new, unwrapped toys. Pick a spot along the route and hand your donations to Santa's helpers, and be thanked by Santa himself!
- **Community Fire Stations** Fire stations accept non-perishable foods and new, unwrapped toys year-round.

Financial Donations

- Help us help those in need. These donations allow us to fill the gaps in assuring a balanced and respectable holiday gift basket (fresh food/age-appropriate gifts, etc.). Make a tax-deductible donation to Operation Santa Claus by completing the information below and sending it with your check to:

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For my records, please send me a letter acknowledging my donation to:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Email address _____