



**Holiday wishes to needy children and parolee families
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On December 7th, the New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF) participated in their annual holiday gift wrapping event in Albany. This event marks the 23rd year that PEF has organized donations of food and holiday gifts to needy children and families who are nominated by their parole officers and are working but financially limited around the holiday season.

Donation boxes were set up at various parole offices in the Albany region and PEF hosts an annual holiday party in which admission is a donation of a toy. Many monetary donations are made and are used to purchase food for the food basket and supplies for the gift wrapping.

The food and toys were wrapped and separated into their appropriate boxes. The boxes are delivered to the nominated families by the parole officers during their regular scheduled home visits. Volunteers also deliver packages to St. Margaret's Center in Albany and the Marines Toys for Tots organization come to PEF headquarters in Albany to pick up their packages. The event has survived power outages, ice storms and even Superstorm Sandy. The volunteers at PEF and Community Supervision have continued to make this event a success each and every year.