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Howard County Police Organization to Provide Toys to Children In Need

Who: Howard County Police Centurions for Justice
What: Christmas Toy Giveaway
When: Tuesday, December 23 at 3:00 p.m.
Where: Valencia Motel
10131 Washington Boulevard,
Laurel, Md.

The Howard County Police Department's Centurions for Justice, an organization of minority police officers, will gather with nearly 30 children today to provide holiday toys donated during a recent collection.

"It's very emotional because the people are very grateful and appreciative for what we are doing," said PFC Penelope Branch, Chair of the Christmas Committee for the Centurions for Justice. "Often times, we've been told by receiving families that if we didn't provide something for the children involved, they wouldn't receive anything."

For many years, the Centurions for Justice have been actively involved in community outreach, through sponsoring charity events for needy families. Members also volunteer and support local after-school and athletic programs in Howard County.

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