

#### 2024 Toy Drive Results

Early in December, the SMU Staff Association collected all the toys donated by faculty, staff, and students (some to clear parking violations) on campus and delivered them to the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. The DCAC's Holiday of Hope collects toys and other needed items for children of all ages. Their unique mission (they are the only agency of its kind in Dallas County) is to investigate, prosecute, and provide healing services for child abuse cases in Dallas County.

Visit dcac.org for more information on this incredible agency.









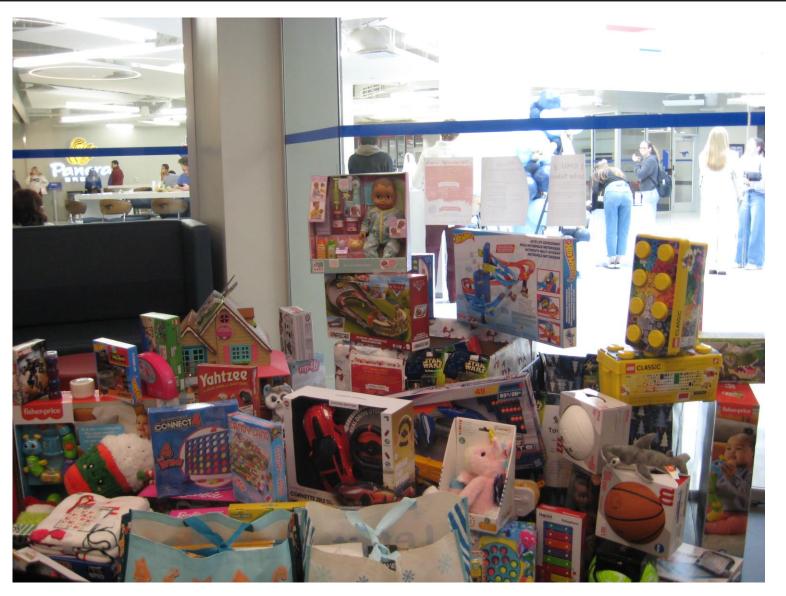




The magnitude of what DCAC manages was astounding to those of us who helped deliver the toys. We had three car-fulls of toys and donations. And while we thought that was a lot, it didn't even begin to compare to what DCAC had on hand and what they manage during the holiday season.



One of the many ways SMU helps to contribute is through a partnership between SMUSA and SMU Parking. If anyone has received a parking ticket (only up to a certain \$ amount), they can have the ticket excused by bringing in a new, unwrapped toy with the receipt showing the price of the toy. As long as the toy is of equal or greater value than the ticket, SMU Parking will forgive the ticket.





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Even Santa gets in on the fun!







Toys can be dropped off at any of several locations across campus. Large wrapped boxes are placed strategically all over campus for collection. But if you want to have a ticket dismissed, you must go to the Parking office located in Hughes-Trigg.



