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## **Chief of Police and Mayor to Bag Groceries for Tips in Support of Public Safety's Christmas for Kids**

**December 7, 2007 – Cleveland, Georgia** – Cleveland Mayor Don Stanley and Chief of Police John Foster will be bagging groceries this week at Ingles for tips. The monies collected are part of the fundraising effort for “Public Safety’s Christmas for Kids,” an effort by local Public Safety officials to help families in need at Christmas.

The idea came from a meeting between Cleveland Chief of Police John Foster and Cleveland Better Home Manager, Maria Jurado-Flynn. “The Chief has such a big heart for helping children and especially those in need. He told me that it’s heartbreaking to imagine that a child or a family in our own community would not have a Christmas dinner or presents for their children,” said Jurado-Flynn.

Our Public Safety leaders have the enormous responsibility to protect us and to be there to help in a fire or an accident. I am very proud to live in a community where people come together to help their neighbors. That’s what makes living in a small town like Cleveland so special. Where else would you see the Chief of Police, Sheriff, City Fire Chief, County Fire Chief, 911 Director and EMS Chief all come together in one strong voice to ask the community to help the needy. We are all connected to each other in some way through our faith, or friends and our spirit of giving.

Toys and canned goods can be donated at Cleveland City Hall, City Hall Annex, White County Sheriff's Office, Helen Police Department and Ingles. Cash donations are also being accepted by the following bank partners: United Community Bank, Habersham Bank, Mountain Valley Community Bank and Community Bank & Trust. Nix Hardware and High County Signs are also accepting donations as part of the Public Safety's Christmas for Kids initiative.. Whether it's a handful of change, an unwrapped toy or canned goods to feed a family, you can help!

If you would like to help, please contact Cleveland Better Home Town Manager, Maria Jurado-Flynn at 706-969-3336. Donations are tax deductible and will make a difference for families in need.

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