



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Community Responds to Christmas Toy Appeal

PATTY RITCHIE December 20, 2011



### **RITCHIE: SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BRINGS HELP TO SANTA Presents Begin Arriving At District Offices**

State Senator Patty Ritchie is shown with toys she collected that are destined for Christmas gift programs in Central and Northern New York.

On Monday, area residents began bringing presents for area children to her district offices in Ogdensburg, Watertown and Oswego after she issued an appeal for toys for needy children. With less than a week before Christmas, Senator Ritchie said some Christmas programs had seen a sharp increase in requests for help, raising the possibility that some children might find

Santa forgot them Christmas morning.

Over 100 gifts of toys, mittens, hats and other gifts had been donated as of Tuesday morning to the three offices.