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Jack M. Martins

Ronald McDonald House of LI Receives Biggest Toy Donation in its History From Senator Martins' Toy Drive

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The past month, Senator Jack M. Martins sponsored a toy drive to benefit The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island. With every passing day during the holiday season, toys kept on piling up in Senator Martins' District Office, located at 151 Herricks Road in Garden City Park. On Thursday, December 22, thanks to the generosity of the residents of the Seventh Senate District, The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island received the biggest

donation of toys it has ever received in its 25 year history.

Numerous residents stopped in to donate toys and some of the school and organizations held their own drive to donate to the cause. The Carle Place School District, Floral Park-Bellerose School, the Center Street School in Herricks and the Harbor Hills School in Roslyn all made generous toy donations. In addition, the Hillside Library and the Franklin Square-Elmont PAL also dropped off toys.

As the days to the beginning of Chanukah and Christmas Day approached, toys piled into Senator Martins' office as the residents of the Seventh Senate District showed the spirit that makes their communities such wonderful places to live in.

"I can't say enough about the residents and schools in the Seventh Senate District. Their generosity has been overwhelming. I hope that this brightens the holidays for those undergoing treatment in the hospital," said Senator Martins. "When you think about the great organizations out there, The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island is certainly one of them. They have been a symbol of comfort for 25 years."

Senator Martins again thanked the residents of the Seventh Senate District for their generous donations during this holiday season and The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island for the work they do in helping families find comfort during difficult times.

"I just want to thank everyone for their generosity. It has truly been an honor to serve the Seventh Senate District this past year. I wish you all a happy holiday season," said Senator Martins.