MEDIA ALERT

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Washington Community Kids Receive Special Gift This Holiday Season
240 Children from Catholic Charities' CORAL After-school Program, Washington and McKinley Elementary schools , Washington United Youth Center, and the Spartan Keyes Center, Receive Personalized Teddy Bears from the John Gillaspy Teddy Bear Foundation

WHAT: 240 children and youth from the Washington Community have been selected to receive a personalized Build-A-Bear gift, courtesy of CVS and the John Gillaspy Teddy Bear Foundation. The young recipients are students enrolled in the CORAL After-School Program at Washington and McKinley Elementary schools, and are also participants at the Washington United Youth Center and the Spartan Keyes Center, programs run by Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. The gift distribution celebration will be held at the Center's gymnasium.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 10, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Washington United Youth Center, 921 S. First Street, San Jose

WHY: The Foundation and CVS employees give back to their community in honor of John Gillaspy, who personally donated bears to needy youth for many years. Gillaspy coordinated the creation of Teddy Bears during the Christmas season for charitable organizations with Build-A-Bear. CVS employees continue his legacy through personalized Teddy Bears that are distributed directly to children during the holidays. CVS employees and community helpers go to Build-A-Bear and personalize each bear for each child. The bears will be distributed at a party with music, activities, and refreshments at Washington United Youth Center.

VISUALS: Approximately 240 children and their families, John Gillaspy Teddy Bear Foundation volunteers, CVS employees, and community members are expected to attend.

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