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L&I Donates 700 Stuffed Toys to Pennsylvania Children

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Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) today donated 700 stuffed toys that passed safety inspections to the [Dauphin County Systems of Care](#) and [New Life for Girls](#) gift drives this holiday season. Video and photos of L&I's Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety (BOIS) staff sorting and donating the toys are available at [PAcast.com](https://www.pacast.com).

Under state law, L&I's BOIS must inspect all new stuffed toy samples for contents, choking hazards, and general safety. Toys that pass inspection get a registration number, which is on every stuffed toy sold in the state. Because of this process, the department accumulates hundreds of toy samples each year. In the past five years, L&I has donated nearly 3,200 toys to holiday gift drives.

"With all the stuffed toys that come to our Harrisburg office for inspection, L&I staff consider ourselves to be part of Santa's workshop," said L&I Secretary Jerry Oleksiak. "Partnering with Dauphin County Systems of Care and New Life for Girls gives us a unique opportunity to provide children with the toys that pass inspection, giving the toys a good home and bringing joy to kids across Pennsylvania this holiday season."

Dauphin County Systems of Care is a collective array of organizations and individuals who come together to connect people with services, supports and resources they need to educate, inform and enhance their lives. Dauphin County Systems of Care is collecting donations of toys and household items such as blankets, pillows, disinfectant supplies, and clothing items for children through age 12. They will distribute these items via a Holiday Celebration Dump in a Trunk Parade. The program will provide a gift for nearly 1,450 children this holiday season.

New Life for Girls is a residential program for women, and women with dependent children in their care. The non-profit was established in 1972 for women who were addicted, physically and emotionally abused, or incarcerated. As part of its annual Christmas gift collection, New Life for Girls partners with local churches and civic organizations to provide toys and necessities to mothers and their children, as well as former program participants, in need of assistance around the holidays.

BOIS administers and enforces safety standards related to a variety of products including, but not limited to boilers, building construction (Uniform Construction Code), elevators, flammable and combustible liquids, and bedding and upholstery, in addition to stuffed toys.

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