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22nd Annual Austin Motorcyclists Toy Run To Benefit Abused and Neglected Children in Texas

(Austin, TX) On **Sunday, December 5th** hundreds of area motorcyclists will rumble through the streets of Austin with their bikes loaded full of toys, all to provide a special **Christmas** for the boys and girls of **Helping Hand Home for Children**. Each year, motorcyclists from across Texas ride together bringing gifts to children who have suffered unimaginable abuse and neglect. It is the goal of Helping Hand Home to provide a safe and loving environment so that the children served can gain a sense of trust and hope for the future. *"Helping Hand Home is grateful to the Austin Area Motorcyclists for their years of dedication and support to the Home. The children we serve have suffered abuse that is unimaginable. Our goal is to treat the past but focus on the hope tomorrow brings for our children."* Ted Keyser, Executive Director at Helping Hand Home for Children.

The Toy Run was founded by Dan Simmons, "Big Dan", of the Austin Area Motorcyclists in 1988 and is now in its 22nd year. A plaque in memory of "Big Dan" is in the courtyard at Helping Hand Home and his wife Teresa is still involved each year. On Sunday, December 5th, at 12:15 p.m., hundreds of bikers will arrive at Helping Hand Home at 3804 Avenue B. to distribute presents. The event has become so large that the motorcyclists must use a trailer to transport many of the gifts. Santa is also expected to make a surprise visit! Following the toy run, the festivities will continue at Sam's Town Point in Austin with a raffle, BBQ, & live music. For more information on the toy run, or if you are interested in riding in the run, please call Julie Freeman, Director of Development at (512) 600-7891 or (512) 773-5605 or visit www.helpinghandhome.org. Special thanks to Prosperity Bank for their support of the Toy Run.

About Helping Hand Home for Children

For 117 years, Helping Hand Home for Children has provided a place to heal for abused, neglected and abandoned children. The Home provides residential treatment services, foster care, adoption services, and a charter school for emotionally disturbed children and advocates for greater public support of early prevention, intervention, and treatment.

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