

Partnership for Families, Children and Adults

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2nd Annual Hamilton County Toy Run Motorcycle Event

Chattanooga, TN – You can help put a toy in the hands of a child this holiday season by participating in the upcoming Hamilton County Toy Run, a free motorcycle ride to collect holiday toys for children affected by domestic violence and homelessness. The event will benefit children served by the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults and Chattanooga Room in the Inn. The ride will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, at KMART, located at 4801 Highway 58 in Chattanooga.

The toy run will leave KMART at 11 a.m. and will conclude at Ultimate Cycles & Scooters at 103 Jubilee Drive; at the intersection of East Brainerd Road and Brainerd Road. Non-riders are welcome to bring donations of unwrapped toys to Ultimate Cycles & Scooters until 12:00 p.m. that day.

Event organizer, Joe Guffey, says that many people have a misconception about motorcyclists and associate bad behavior with them. However, Mr. Guffey says they can be just as soft-hearted and generous as the next person. “And at the end of the day, this event is really just all about the kids”, says Mr. Guffey. The event collected a trailer load of toys in 2008, providing presents to dozens of children in shelter.

No registration is required to participate. All riders are asked to bring a donation of an unwrapped toy for any age child. Participants should be at KMART no later than 10:45 to line up. For more information on Hamilton County Toy Run, you may contact event organizer Joe Guffey at 423-227-5682 or frmc07@yahoo.com.

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About Partnership’s Family Violence Shelter and Services: The Partnership’s Family Violence Shelter provides crisis intervention services, emergency hotlines, counseling, shelter, advocacy and referral services to more than 3,000 individuals and families in our community affected by family violence. Many of these services are staffed 24 hours a day and are available to assist a client or victim in a moment’s notice. The Partnership Families, Children and Adults is a nonprofit agency that has been empowering people to build better lives through counseling, crisis intervention, prevention and education programs for 133 years. The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults is a United Way Member Agency and is accredited by the National Council on Accreditation.

About Chattanooga Room in the Inn: Chattanooga Room in the Inn (CRITI) is a three to nine month residential program for homeless women and children. Services provided at CRITI are free of charge and include transitional housing, three meals a day, access to affordable or free health care, life skills training, parenting classes, mentoring, assistance with finding affordable housing, and case management services. The 24 hour-a-day program allows the women and their children to find stability, thereby increasing their opportunities and chances for independence once they leave the program.