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NEWS RELEASE

City Hosts Virtual Gift Giving Tree Community Encouraged to Give to Someone in Need

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EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso invites residents to share the spirit of the season by participating in the Virtual Gift Giving Tree and helping spread holiday cheer to those in need.

By choosing a gift, community members can provide joy and comfort to a child, senior, or veteran who may otherwise go without.

For over 30 years, the Gift Giving Tree—organized by the City's Department of Community and Human Development's Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)—has relied on the generosity of City employees and residents to bring holiday warmth to our most vulnerable neighbors. Each tag on the tree represents a gift that will brighten the holiday for someone facing challenging times.

Residents are encouraged to visit the <u>Gift Giving Tree online</u>, select a tag, and <u>purchase a gift</u> to support someone less fortunate. Wrapped gifts should be dropped off by December 6, 2024, at one of the designated drop-off locations listed below.

Gift Drop-Off Locations:

- Fire Station #3: 721 Rio Grande
- Fire Station #22: 6500 N. Mesa
- Fire Station #23: 5315 Threadgill
- Fire Station #29: 11977 Pellicano
- City Hall: 300 N. Campbell (First Floor, near Security Counter)
- City 3: 801 Texas (First Floor, next to Security Desk)

Gifts will benefit:

- Bienvivir All-Inclusive Senior Health
- CASA of El Paso-Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Center Against Sexual and Family Violence
- City of El Paso Department of Public Health
- Department of Family and Protective Services
- Department of State Health Services-Children w/Special Health Care Needs
- El Paso Animal Services
- Opportunity Center-Magoffin SRO
- Opportunity Center-Magoffin Veterans Emergency Shelter
- Opportunity Center-Veterans Transitional Living Center
- YMCA Armed Services
- Ysleta Senior Housing
- YWCA Transitional Living Center

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