



Partnering with



Neighborhood Management

for the

9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE

Dear Neighbor,

As the holiday season approaches, it is our natural tendency to want to help those in need. Often though, this desire gets pushed to the back burner with the stress of our own gift shopping, family gatherings, and the general stress of the holiday season. The Lake Crest Board of Directors, partnered with Neighborhood Management, LLC, would like to help you help others by hosting a food & toy drive in our neighborhood to benefit Toys for Tots and the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama. **Over the past eight years, Neighborhood Management has collected 57,221 pounds of food and countless toy donations!** We'd like to make this year bigger and better, so every donation counts!

We know the holiday season is full of joyful hustle and bustle, so in order to make donating as convenient as possible for all our neighbors, a Neighborhood Management Representative will visit Lake Crest on **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** to collect all donations. On this day, simply place your donation by your mailbox **no later than 8:00 am**. A Neighborhood Management Representative and Lake Crest Board Member will drive through the community to collect all donations that morning. ***Please do not place donations inside your mailbox, and if rain is expected on the collection day, please place your donation inside a plastic bag. Also, if you are donating both toys AND food, please use separate bags since they are going to two separate organizations.***

**What are the most needed food items?**

Canned Tuna or Chicken, Peanut Butter and Jelly\*, Cereal/Oatmeal/Grits, Dried or Canned Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Pasta and Pasta Sauce\*, Canned Vegetables, Rice

***\*Please avoid food in glass jars as it can easily break during transport and cause a safety hazard.***

**What are the most needed toy items?**

Gifts for pre-teens/teens as they are too often forgotten: sporting equipment, bags, balls, books, backpacks, board games, radio control cars/trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards/helmets, etc.

***\*Please note, Toys for Tots is only able to accept new items, so please save used items for other local charities.***

Please contact our property manager at [lchoa@bellsouth.net](mailto:lchoa@bellsouth.net) with any questions or concerns regarding this charity event, or, for additional information, you may visit the websites for these organizations at the below links:

[www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) & [www.feedingal.org](http://www.feedingal.org)

**On behalf of the local families in need, Lake Crest HOA and Neighborhood Management would like to extend a sincere thank you for all your support!**

Sincerely,

Lake Crest Board of Directors