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## Partnership for Strong Families Hosts Holiday Toy Drive

**GAINESVILLE, FLA** – Partnership for Strong Families (PSF) is hosting its annual Wish Upon a Star toy drive to benefit local children victimized by abuse or neglect. This drive helps children who are not able to be home for the holidays have a merrier Christmas. PSF is the lead community-based care agency for Florida's Judicial Circuits 3 and 8, covering over 1,200 children in 13 counties in North Central Florida.

What makes Wish Upon A Star unique is that PSF ensures all its children get their specific wishes for Christmas. Each child and youth is asked which three gifts he or she wants most and donors are asked to provide at least two of the three wishes. These children range in age from newborns to 17 years old and ask for items such as sports balls, dolls, bicycles and clothing.

Donors can sponsor children by shopping in stores, purchasing from PSF's Amazon Wish List or by providing a monetary donation. Each child sponsored is approximately a \$50 commitment. Anyone interested in becoming a donor should contact Aldreka Everett, Community Relations Assistant, at (352) 244-1629 or <u>Aldreka.Everett@pfsf.org</u>. Gifts are being collected from now until Christmas.