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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### ***Huntington's Townwide Fund to the Rescue!***

*HUNTINGTON, NY* - Today, generosity took the form of the *Townwide Fund of Huntington*, who donated \$3,000 to *Toys of Hope* to replenish their food reserves. The *Townwide Fund* made the emergency contribution after 50 boxes of food, enough to feed more than 170 families, were stolen from the *Toys of Hope* warehouse facility in Huntington Station.

"The *Townwide Fund* has the ability to mobilize quickly and help those in our community with an immediate and unexpected need," said Executive Director Trish Rongo. "This demonstrates yet another way we fulfill our mission - that money raised in Huntington helps those in Huntington."

The *Townwide Fund* bridges the gap between governmental support for local charities and the increasing needs of local residents. *Toys of Hope* operates all year and has created many programs that provide desperately needed goods and services to assist families in becoming self-sufficient, as well as helping to improve the lives of the children of those families.

"I want to thank the *Toys of Hope* and the *Townwide Fund* for their constant support for the residents of Huntington," said Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. (D-Centerport). "Given the circumstances, however, I want to particularly thank the *Townwide Fund* for their heartfelt generosity in making sure that those in need did not have their Thanksgiving selfishly stolen from them."

Should anyone in the community would like to make a donation, send non-perishable food to the *Toys of Hope* office located at 640 New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743. Financial donations may be sent to the *Toys of Hope* Children's Charity, P.O. Box 1247, Huntington, NY 11743).

For more information on *Toys of Hope*, please visit <http://www.toysofhope.org>, and for more information on or to contribute to the *Townwide Fund*, please visit <http://www.townwidefund.org/>.

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