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MetroWest's WinterFest Collected Sleigh Full of Donations for Local Charity
Holiday Event Benefitted Edgewood Children's Ranch

ORLANDO, FL (December 16, 2015) – MetroWest Master Association, managed by FirstService Residential, hosted their 4th Annual WinterFest this past weekend to benefit the Edgewood Children's Ranch.

Edgewood Children's Ranch is a residential program helping children, teens and their families address behavioral issues. The MetroWest community generously donated more than 400 items including paper goods, laundry detergent, canned food, sporting equipment and gift cards. There was a "Charity Challenge" among businesses within MetroWest to determine who could collect and raise the most for Edgewood Children's Ranch. WinterFest served as the final drop-off location for these items. An anonymous donor was the winner of the Charity Challenge, and eligible for the \$200 cash prize, 2nd Place, LaPalazza, received 10 Orlando Predators game tickets and MetroWest Unit Five Homeowner Association, 3rd place, received a Josie's Pizza Party gift certificate.

Over 3,500 attended the free, community event, hosted at the MetroWest Golf Club. Festivities included the classic holiday movie, *The Polar Express*, shown on the big screen on the golf green, an ice-skating rink, a kiddie train around the putting green, photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus, holiday performances by students of Perfect Pointe Productions, Piaget Daycare and the MetroWest Elementary Drumline. The MetroWest Golf Club and local food trucks provided food and beverages and an exhibitor zone highlighted various MetroWest and community businesses.

The MetroWest Master Association presented a check for \$5,000 to MetroWest Elementary.

"WinterFest was not only a wonderful event to foster community connections, but it is also a great chance to spread holiday cheer to some deserving kids within our community," said Julie Sanchez, Manager of the MetroWest Master Association. "Thank you to our sponsors, exhibitors, Charity Challenge participants and everyone who attended the event. Your engagement is what makes MetroWest a great community in which to live, work, play and connect."

Photos of event attached.

For check presentation - pictured left to right are Orlando City Commissioner, Sam Ings, MetroWest Master Association's Manager, Julie Sanchez, Principal of MetroWest Elementary, Christine Szymanski and MetroWest Master Association Board of Directors' Secretary, Stina D'Uva. (Photo attached)

About MetroWest

MetroWest, developed in 1985, is one of Orlando's first master-planned communities and features award-winning landscaping and MetroWest Golf Club, as well as all "A" public schools, Valencia College campus and convenient access to both I-4 and 408 from the West side of Orlando.

MetroWest offers a community lifestyle with neighborhood businesses and outdoor recreation options. The diverse community is complemented by a range of living options, from single-family homes of all sizes to apartments and condominiums. For more information, please visit www.MetroWestcommunity.com.

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