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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 13, 2016) – MetroWest Master Association, managed by FirstService Residential, welcomed over 3,500 people to their 5th Annual WinterFest on December 11 to benefit the Edgewood Children's Ranch. The free, family event featured the hit movie *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, dual snow slides, an ice-skating rink, holiday-themed performances, food trucks and photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, Cindy Lou Who and a life-size snow globe. Event attendees and local businesses were asked to bring donated items to the event to help fulfill Edgewood Children's Ranch's ongoing needs.

Edgewood Children's Ranch is a, nonprofit, residential program helping children, teens and their families address behavioral issues. There was a community "Charity Challenge" among businesses within MetroWest to determine who could collect and raise the most for Edgewood Children's Ranch. The MetroWest community generously donated more than 500 items including paper goods, laundry detergent, food staples, condiments, canned food, sporting equipment and gift cards. MetroWest also donated over \$500 in cash collections from the event and Kona Ice contributed 20% of their earnings from the event. The community Charity Challenge winner, Central Park, a MetroWest Condominium Association, was awarded a \$200 cash prize and immediately turned around and donated it back to the Edgewood Children's Ranch.

"WinterFest was a great chance to spread some holiday cheer to deserving kids within our community," said Julie Sanchez, Manager of the MetroWest Master Association. "Congratulations again to Central Park for not only collecting the most items, but also donating their winnings to Edgewood Children's Ranch. It is a true testament to how a local business can make a significant community impact."



Pictured in photo:

From left to right: Stina D'Uva, MetroWest Master Association's Board Secretary; Orlando City Commissioner Samuel Ings, District 6; Julie Sanchez, General Manager, MetroWest Master Association; Madeleine Francois, MetroWest Master Association Board member; Nancy Stout, Community Association Manager, Central Park Condominium Association; Kimberly Vinson of Edgewood Children's Ranch, Cindy Lou Who and the Grinch celebrating the items collected for the Edgewood Children's Ranch as part of the MetroWest Master Association's WinterFest.

From left to right: Kimberly Vinson with Edgewood Children's Ranch and Nancy Stout with Central Park A MetroWest Condominium Association.

Central Park was the business that raised and collected the most for Edgewood Children's Ranch. When awarded the \$200 cash prize, they immediately turned around and donated it back to the Edgewood Children's Ranch.

About MetroWest

MetroWest, developed in 1986, is one of Orlando's first master-planned communities and features award-winning landscaping and MetroWest Golf Club, as well as all top rated 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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