

# Ninth Annual Michael

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For the ninth year, troopers from Kansas and Missouri honored the memory of Trooper Michael Newton by collecting and delivering toys to hospitalized children and their families in the Kansas City area. Again joined by Krispy Kreme Donuts and the Kansas and Missouri State Troopers Associations, members of the Kansas and Missouri Highway Patrols brought children at the University of Kansas Hospital and families at the Ronald McDonald House a new toy and trooper bears. This is just a small way that the Patrols give back.

Bigger and better: This year brought another layer to the involvement of those who have participated in the past. Not only did the families at the Ronald McDonald House receive a holiday gift, they also received a hot meal with a donut for dessert. Members of the Patrols cooked a spaghetti dinner for more than 150 people that evening. It was a great way to really get to know some of the families who were staying at the Ronald McDonald House during the holiday season. These families all had children in the hospital or receiving outpatient treatment at one of the area hospitals. That included children with cancer, injuries, and babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Everyone shared a plate and sat down and got to know a little about the courage of the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.



# Newton Toy Drive 2011

Troopers and members of the Patrols then delivered a gift and bears to kids at the University of Kansas Hospital. This was one of the largest collections of toys in the Toy Drive history – quite a feat given the recent economy. Everyone was overwhelmed by the generosity of the citizens we serve. There were actually toys left over that were then delivered to the outpatient clinics at the hospital.

The Toy Drive and dinner at Ronald McDonald House would not be possible without the generosity of many people. Mostly thanks to those who donated toys at local Krispy Kreme stores. Also thanks to businesses across Kansas who donated meat for the spaghetti dinner: Steve Peterson of MPK Land & Livestock in Lebanon; Wayne and Jolene Beckman of Kensington Lockers in Kensington; Drs. Paule and Jarrod Jones, DDS of Hays; City Quality Meats in Hays; Rodney and Janet Kempke of Ellsworth Packing, Inc. in Ellsworth; and Jon and Kim Birky of Klema's Market in Russell. Krispy Kreme Donuts has been a wonderful partner in collecting toys each year and giving those who donate a toy a dozen delicious donuts. And lastly, thanks to the wonderful members of the Missouri and Kansas Highway Patrols for taking time out to honor the memory of a fallen brother in a wonderful way and brightening the day of a child in need. 🍓

