

# Rotary ready for Community Partnership's annual toy drive

**PORT ORANGE** - The Rotary Club of Port Orange-South Daytona has been leading Community Partnership's holiday toy drive for 10 years. "Rotary adopts about 500 children each year who are victims of abuse and neglect," explained Jennifer Ferguson, Rotarian project chair. "Children are asked to fill out a wish list of three items they would really want for Christmas. These wishes are then given to Rotary Club members who work together to find donors who will buy gifts or adopt a child for the season and grant their wishes."

Ferguson also recruited nearly 20 local business

partners who adopt large groups of children each year. Gifts are turned in to her and Community Partnership for Children during the first week of December. They are then organized in the "toy shop" by Rotary volunteers and delivered to the families in time for Christmas morning.

According to Jo Lynn Deal, Community Partnership for Children, "We could never help as many children as we do without the support of the Port Orange-South Daytona Rotary. It is a tremendous undertaking for Jennifer and her Rotary partners."



Rotary Club members and volunteers help set up the "toy shop" for Community Partnership's annual holiday toy drive.