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## Press Release

### **Trails West Real Estate Realtors donate generously to 2009 Realtor Toy Drive**

#### **Bigfork, Harbor Village, Lakeside, Whitefish—December 14, 2009.**

Toy Drive Chairwoman and Trails West Realtor, Sue Marino, exclaims "Wahoo! We have raised over \$2000 for the Columbia Falls children." Seventy-seven children in that area are in need of coats, hats, toys, and boots. Thanks to the help of the Flathead Valley Realtors and Leslie Kluth, Columbia Falls area kids will be warm and toasty this winter. Leslie, who works full time and runs the West Shore Food Bank, wears many Santa hats for the holidays. She not only heads the Toy Drive for the Child Development Center (CDC) but also the Columbia Falls Special Needs Children.

All Flathead Valley Realtors are invited to participate in the Annual Realtor Toy Drive, but this year as the needs seemed greater, the Realtors really stepped up to the plate. Some gave as early as July (that gives new meaning to Christmas in July) and many gave more than once. Flathead Valley Realtors demonstrate that no one stands as tall as when he bends to help a child.

Brett Bennetts, Trails West Real Estate at Harbor Village, heads up the Bigfork Toy Drive for the Special Needs Children and comments, "With these kids, not just any toy will do. Children in the autism spectrum need toys that can teach and support their development." Brett is still collecting, so final numbers are not yet available. One thing is sure, Flathead Valley and Trails West Realtors opened their hearts and their pockets this year. The gifts and clothes will be delivered with the help of Tom Marino, Sue's husband. "It will be a great start to their holiday vacation," Tom comments.

Funds may still be donated, even though it is past the deadline. They can be carried over to next year's drive. Flathead Valley's children will have a warmer, happier and healthier Christmas this year, thanks to Trails West Real Estate, Leslie Kluth and the Flathead Valley Realtors.

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