

We're making our list, and checking it twice! Last year's Toy Run was one for the books. The date for the 26th Annual Big Texas Toy Run is December 18, 2011. This year will bring both starting points back together at one destination, QuickTrip Park in Grand Prairie. And, yes Virginia, Santa AND the kids will be there. Some of the things we tried last year worked out well. Here are some of the things for 2011.

<u>The Kids</u> – That's right, some of the kids from MHMR and MetroCare will be there to get gifts personally from the ole jolly guy himself.

<u>Best Decorated Bike -</u> At both starting locations, there will a panel selected to walk around and pick a certain number of festively decorated bikes. Once the bikes get to QuickTrip Park, the selected bikes will be placed in front of Santa and all of you elves for a vote by applause.

<u>Vendors</u> – Vendors are welcome.

<u>Official Toy Run After-Party</u> – One thing we learned from last year is that most everyone enjoyed the after party. So, this year there will be Official After-Party at QuickTrip Park.

<u>Official Toy Run Pre-Parties</u> – Last year, we worked with KZPS 92.5 to host a Toy Run Pre-Party that included a place to drop toys and purchase Toy Run Shirts and Run Pins. We are anticipating working with KZPS to set up Pre-Parties for Ft Worth and Dallas.

We are continuing to work hard to bring more to this year's event. Please check our website and Facebook page periodically for updates regarding the Toy Run.