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## Christmas Village Toy Shower

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## 2014 CHRISTMAS VILLAGE TOY SHOWER

The Torrington Parks and Recreation Department and Commission will hold the Annual Toy Shower for Christmas Village on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Performance HUB located at 45 Main Street. There will be light refreshments and plenty of entertainment provided by local area talent. The musical performances of the evening will be organized by Jay Roberts of the Performance HUB, with sound and background music being provided by Vin Avallone. Torrington High School Choir will be performing at the Toy Shower, along with several local musicians. This event continues to draw a very large crowd and we are always pleased to see so many generous people stop in to make a donation toward Christmas Village.

The Toy Shower is held every year to raise funds to support Christmas Village and to purchase toys for all children who visit Santa at the Village. For those unable to attend the Toy Shower, WZBG 97.3 FM will once again graciously host an all-day telethon for the benefit of Christmas Village. During that day, pledges may be called in to the radio station at (860) 567-3697 and will be broadcast live.

Thousands of people visited Christmas Village last year. Each child is given a gift, and has the opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, watch the elves make toys, listen to Christmas music, sample delicious hot chocolate, and watch Santa's reindeer play. Christmas Village, located at 150 Church Street, is scheduled to open on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Village will be open December 7-23 from 1:00 - 8:30 PM, before officially closing on Christmas Eve. The hours on Christmas Eve will be 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank the various local organizations who continue to support Christmas Village with their monetary and in-kind donations, as well as the many dedicated individuals that volunteer their time each year. All monetary donations received help with the operation of Christmas Village and assist the Parks and Recreation Department in keeping Carl Bozenski's dream alive for future generations to enjoy. For more information please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 489-2274.

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