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**“Toys in the Sun Run” Results in \$15,000 Donation
*Broward County Mayor accepts Check for “Friends of the Parks”***

It began as a small Broward County charitable event in 1987 and has grown into one of the world’s largest motorcycle parades. An estimated 30,000 bikers rode in the 17th Annual Christmas “Toys in the Sun Run” this year. Celebrity grand marshals included Steven Tyler from Aerosmith and Richie Sambora of Bon Jovi. The event begins in Pompano Beach and ends at Markham Park.

More than \$500,000 and countless Christmas toys were given to the Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital in Hollywood and the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County. Now Broward County Parks will benefit as well.

On Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. the Broward County Board of County Commissioners will receive a check for \$15,000 from the South Florida Motorcycle Council/James Jr. Fund Inc. The check presentation will take place in the Commission chambers at the Broward County Governmental Center, Room 422, 115 South Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

“I want to publicly thank Bob Amchir and the South Florida President’s Council of Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations and affiliated sponsors for organizing this event year after year,” said Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs. “So many Broward County children benefit from this event and the Board of County Commissioners appreciates the donation given to a trust fund that benefits Broward County parks.”

Since the inception of the Annual Christmas Toys in the Sun Run, more than \$20 million in toys has been collected and handled and distributed by the Fraternal Order of Police. The money raised from this event has exceeded the \$4 million mark. Bikers participating in the event are asked for a \$10 donation and a new unwrapped toy.

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