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Rochester Hills City Employees Donate Over \$6,200 to Local Charities
Team Celebrates Culture of Generosity

Rochester Hills, MI – This December, the City of Rochester Hills celebrated the end of a great year of community investment. Over \$6,200 was raised for a variety of local nonprofits. Throughout the year, team members nominate a variety of organizations to be featured in the Casual for a Cause program. On Fridays at City Hall, employees can pay to wear jeans to work by donating to the nonprofit of the week.

In addition to raising money, Rochester Hills has an annual tradition of community service through the annual 30 Days of Giving Program. 30 Days of giving is a yearly program that allows team members to create a positive impact in Rochester Hills and the Metro Detroit Region throughout the holiday season.

It was created in 2014 as a simple thought: every department would get together and choose one or more ways to give back. Over the past six years, this has grown into a signature program that employees plan for throughout the year. Hundreds of team members collaborate to host food drives and plan activities that make someone else's life better.

"Programs like these empower our team to invest in our community," states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. "I am so proud of the energy and enthusiasm that has been built around making a difference."

Rochester Hills Firefighters continued its "30 days of giving" this year by donating 25 pairs of gloves and mittens to Neighborhood House. Neighborhood House works in our community providing food assistance, counseling, a clothes closet, transportation and other special projects to those in need.

"Our team is always looking for ways to give back," states Fire Chief Canto. "It's a great way to connect with residents and make a positive impact."

The Finance team choose the OPC Senior Center, where they spent the day helping their kitchen staff. After a long day of baking, they made over 2,000 cookies that were a part of the Meals on Wheels holiday baskets.

Some of the programs this year also gave residents the opportunity to get involved. Outside of the Mayor's Office, the City hosts a giving tree, which provides holiday gifts to children in need. Residents also dropped off supplies for Dutton Farms as well as coats for the annual "Coats for the Cold" drive sponsored by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills is a prosperous community offering residents and businesses superior services. Voted one of the top places to live by several sources including *CNNMoney* magazine, Rochester Hills is committed to sustaining its position among the nation's preeminent places to live, work and raise a family. Through the city's focus on health, education, and technology; the community continues to attract forward - thinking leaders and businesses.

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