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Jersey City Youth Foundation Joins with Mayor Fulop for Annual Toy Drive; More than 600 Children to Receive Gifts, A Visit with the Cake Boss & Gelato from Tommy Two Scoops

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Jersey City Youth Foundation** have teamed up for the **Mayor’s Annual Toy Drive** to deliver holiday cheer and toys to more than 600 children, with the toys being distributed from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 20th, 2013, at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.**

And this year, Santa’s elves will have some extra helpers with **Cake Boss** Buddy Valastro on hand to treat kids to cupcakes and cookies and local business owner **Tommy Two Scoops** will be serving up gelato.

“We want as many people as possible to join us and get in the holiday spirit as we help bring a little cheer to those in need,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “The holidays are a time to give to others and what better way that joining with your community to celebrate.”

Toys will be distributed by Santa to pre-registered families, but residents who would like to join in and meet the **Cake Boss** and celebrate the holidays are invited to attend.

More than 200 toys were also donated by the Hudson County Building Trades and Local 696.

“The outpouring of gifts has been tremendous and we thank all of the residents and businesses who again this year participated in the toy drive,” added **Mayor Fulop**.

The Resident Response Center has been registering families and collecting donations since early December and a number of local businesses helped by donating gift cards to the Jersey City Youth Foundation for the purchase of toys for children newborn to twelve years old.

About the Jersey City Youth Foundation

The JCYF strives to provide, enhance, expand and participate in the high-quality educational, recreational, cultural, and community enrichment programs. In 2013, our inaugural year, JCYF was able to provide backpacks to school children, Thanksgiving turkeys to families, and holiday toys to children. 2014 will be an exciting year as we continue to grow as an organization and expand our programming and impact on youth in Jersey City.

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