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Hill AFB "Santa Brigade" Brings Christmas Magic to Utah Foster Care

Murray & Clearfield, Utah | December 17 | 9:00 AM

The airmen and women of Hill Air Force Base will once again partner with Utah Foster Care for the annual **Santa Brigade**, delivering over 600 Christmas gifts to children in foster care from Draper to Logan.

On Tuesday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m., airmen will arrive at Utah Foster Care offices in **Murray and Clearfield** to pick up large purple gift bags filled with toys and teen items before delivering them directly to foster families. Many of these service members donate their own vacation time and gas to make this tradition possible.

Media will have the opportunity to film:

- Airmen arriving in uniform
- A welcoming statement from **Utah Foster Care CEO Nikki MacKay** (*Murray location only*)
- The powerful visual of service members filing in to grab the purple gift bags
- A **media-friendly foster family on site** as their children open gifts at the office, next to a beautifully decorated holiday tree, to capture the true spirit of the season

Select media may also follow airmen on deliveries, with the clear understanding that **no foster families may be recorded or identified at private homes** to protect confidentiality.

"This is one of the most meaningful and visually powerful holiday moments of the year," said **Gina Phillips, Director of Communications at Utah Foster Care**. "The combination of service and the pure joy on these children's faces is something you don't forget."

Media Locations

Murray Office Utah Foster Care 5296 South Commerce Drive December 17 | 9:00 AM

Clearfield Office Utah Foster Care 772 E 700 S, Suite 1A December 17 | 9:00 AM

Hill AFB Media Contacts

MSgt Matthew Hicks – Santa Brigade Lead (Murray Location) (801) 807-9819

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Both airmen may be contacted prior to the event for media coordination if needed and requested.

Utah Foster Care Media Contact

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