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Cambridge Police Secret Santa for Seniors Gift Drive a Huge Success

January 5, 2011 – For the fourth year in a row, the Cambridge Police Department in collaboration with other community donors assembled gift bags full of holiday treats and treasures for senior citizens in Cambridge who may not have any family in the area to spend the holidays with.



Each year, Cambridge Police rely solely on the generous donations from Cambridge businesses, community members, and Police Officers to assist in providing this service. The goal of this program is to brighten the day of otherwise lonely seniors on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with a small gift that lets them know they are not forgotten.

Last year Cambridge Police distributed gift bags loaded with special treats, hats, gloves, socks and more to over 130 Cambridge Senior Citizens. The goal for 2010 was to fill and distribute 200 gift bags, and the Cambridge Police are proud to report that through the generous donations of many in our community we were able to deliver nearly 300 gift bags to grateful seniors in the city!

Holly Bernier, Neighborhood Coordinator for the Cambridge Police Department, said of this year's program, "I would like to thank all who contributed to Secret Santa for Seniors this year. The donations were outstanding and extremely generous and we were able to do outreach to 289 senior citizens who were extremely happy and overwhelmed to receive a holiday gift bag. I would also like to thank the community members, Police Officers, and their families who volunteered their time to help deliver the gift bags on Christmas Eve as well as our sponsors (CambridgeSide Galleria, Whole Foods Market, Cambridge Housing Authority, East Cambridge Savings Bank, and Vineyard Church) without whom this program would not have been possible. Your support of this program is greatly appreciated."

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