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## **Blue Santa Program Accepting Applications *Program Provides Christmas Gifts to Children***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Applications for the Seguin Police Department’s Blue Santa program are now being accepted. Blue Santa, sponsored by SPD’s D.A.R.E program, provides Christmas gifts to children who may otherwise go without.

“There are families in every community, including Seguin, who are going through a tough time financially,” Seguin Police D.A.R.E. Officer Hope Vasquez said. “These families need help providing Christmas joy for their children and that’s what Blue Santa is all about.”

Applicants must have full custody of the children on their application, reside in Seguin or Guadalupe County, have a current photo ID or resident card and proof of residency (gas or electric bill, rental contract, letter from school, Medicaid card or employment check stub with current address.) Only one application per household will be accepted. If two families from the same household are applying, each must show proof of residency and a current photo ID. The deadline to submit applications is December 11. Applications are available at the following locations:

*Please call these designated agencies for hours applications will be accepted.*

Seguin Police Dept.	MC Meyers Diane Leos	350 N. Guadalupe St.	(830) 401-2353 (830) 401-2340
Seguin ISD Central Office	Vickie Navarro	1221 E. Kingsbury St.	(830) 401-8617
Guadalupe County Sherriff’s Office	Vanessa Jolly	2617 N Guadalupe St.	(830) 379-1224
Seguin Housing Authority	Monica Delgado	516 Jefferson Ave.	(830) 379-7091
Ball Childhood Center	Lisa Watts	812 Shannon Ave.	(830) 379-2675 X11714
Jefferson Elementary	Lisa Pate	215 Short Ave.	(830) 379-3882 X13705
Guadalupe County Head Start Program	JoAnn Rodriguez	301 N Austin St. 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	(830) 928-7855
Rodriguez Elementary	Maria Lozano	1567 W. Kingsbury St.	(830) 401-8770
Family Life Center	Kay Scott	314 N. Camp St.	(830) 303-9571

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“Blue Santa is not possible without the generosity and support of our great community,” Vasquez continued. “We encourage those who can donate a new toy to please do so.”

The toy drive consist of two categories. Toys valued up to \$20 are big gifts and toys valued at about \$1 are stocking stuffers. No toys that resemble weapons, please. If your donation is an electronic toy, please include batteries. Donations must be new, unwrapped toys. Monetary donations and gift wrapping supplies are also accepted. Donations may be dropped off at the following locations:

*Please call these designated agencies for hours donations will be accepted.*

American Bank of Texas (three locations)	200 N Austin St., 901 N Hwy 46, 1539 E. Court St.	(830) 303-2211	Stacey Smithy
Cash America	1111 E. Court St.	(830) 303-5420	Carol Smith
Century 21 D & D	1498 E. Court St.	(830) 379-7111	Linda Dietz
Dollar General Store (two locations)	434 N. Austin St. 100 Tor Drive	(830) 379-3396 (830) 549-4945	David Tanya Franklin
Family Dollar	314 E Court St.	(830) 372-1808	Loretta Tristin
Guadalupe County Sherriff's Office	2617 N. Guadalupe St. (open 24 hours)	(830) 379-1224	Vanessa Jolly
HEB #173	1368 E. Court St.	(830) 379-8384	Danny Crowson
Keller-Williams (two locations)	801 N. 123 Bypass 8610 FM 725, McQueeney	(830) 372-3670	Debbie Engbrock
KWED Daily News	609 E. Court St.	(830) 379-2234	Cindy Aguirre
Marion State Bank	301 W. San Antonio St., Marion	(830) 420-2331	Amanda Luna
Oak Hollow Apartments	1439 Barnes Drive	(830) 386-0026	Kellie Stanley
Seguin Gazette	1012 Schriewer St.	(830) 379-5402	Jeff Fowler
Seguin Police Department	350 N. Guadalupe St. (open 24 hours)	(830) 401-2386	Officer Hope Vasquez
Summer's Bend Apartments	1230 W. Walnut St.	(830) 372-2290	Tammy Helms
Farm Bureau	325 S. Hwy 46	(830) 379-4456	Ylena Burgoon
Walmart #901	550 S. Hwy 123 Bypass	(830) 372-5993	Dale Koehler

Questions may be directed to Seguin Police Department D.A.R.E. Officer Hope Vazquez at (830) 401-2386 or [dare@seguintexas.gov](mailto:dare@seguintexas.gov).

**About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts, an engine manufacture and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2014, Seguin was proud to be selected by Siro Group USA as the future home of the company's North American manufacturing facility.

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