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"Toy Party raises \$100,000 for Atlanta kids"

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Queer holiday fundraiser collected thousands of toys and gift cards to give away on Christmas Morning.

Atlanta's LGBT Toy Party raised over \$100,000 and 4,000 toys and gift cards to distribute Santa-style to local children on Christmas morning, organizers reported. Eight non-profit organizations gave out the holiday goodies collected by the annual event.

[For the Kid in All of Us](#) -- a local volunteer group made up of gay and gay-friendly Atlantans -- hosts the Toy Party. Over 3,700 people attended the fourth annual event, organizers said.

"The results from the 2006 Toy Party are truly amazing, and we could not have done it without the support of our many sponsors, the board of [For the Kid in All of Us](#), our friends, the community and the countless volunteers who have worked tirelessly to brighten the lives of Atlanta's children," said Alex Wan, founder of [For the Kid in All of Us](#).

The following eight Atlanta non-profit organizations handed out the Toy Party gifts:

- [AID Atlanta's Women and Pediatric Program](#)
- Sheltering Arms
- [CHRIS Kids](#)
- [YouthPride](#)
- SafePath Children's Advocacy Center
- Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities
- Hillside
- Tobie Grant Manor Community Center

[For the Kid in All of Us](#) was founded in 2003 by a group of friends active in Atlanta's gay and gay-friendly community who wanted to make a difference locally. The group sought not only to raise awareness of Atlanta children's needs, but also to actively lessen the struggles of families and children during the winter holiday season.

Since 2003, The Toy Party has distributed over 12,000 toys and gift cards and donated \$270,000 to local charities within the Atlanta community, the group reports. In July, 2006, the organization added Backpack in the Park, which collected more than 500 backpacks and gift cards filled with back to school supplies for Tobie Grant Manor and the Atlanta Public Schools.