

Toy story

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How's this for holiday hospitality: **Alex Wan** is throwing a bash and more than 4,000 of his closest friends are expected to attend.

Wan is founder of **For the Kid in All of Us**, which organizes the annual **Toy Party**. The fifth annual party is planned for 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Atlanta Apparel Mart, 250 Spring St.

The cost for admission is a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$15, or a gift card. Items will be donated to Atlanta-based non-profit organizations that work with underprivileged youths: **Hillside, Tobie Grant Manor, Sheltering Arms for Kids, CHRIS Kids**, the women and pediatric division of **AID Atlanta, Youth Pride, Safe Path, Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities, Jerusalem House. Easter Seals** and **Rainbow House**.

Like so many successful philanthropic events, the Toy Party started out with a small group of friends and blossomed. Since 2003, the event has distributed more than 12,000 toys and gift cards and donated \$270,000 to local charities.

Last year more than 3,700 revelers attended, and organizers expect this year's Toy Party, which is presented by **Delta Air Lines**, to attract a crowd of some 4,000. If you come, wear your holiday finery and enjoy complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

For the Kid in All of Us board members include **Thomas Blenk, Frank Bragg, Eric Bryant, Angie Buysse, Zandra Conway, Andrea Criste, Glen Paul Freedman, Kerrie Gilbert, David Gillespie, Deneen Goddard, Joe Jeter, JD Kellum, Jason Lowery, Billy Milner, Derek Schmidt, Chris Thiele, Stephen Wells** and **Jon Woody**.

Advisory board members include **Ken Britt, Tony Conway, Nick Gold, Tony Nelson** and **Kevin Perry**. For more information see go to www.ForTheKid.org.