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AHS accepting toys as payment for parking tickets

CALGARY – Alberta Health Services (AHS) is once again launching its Toys for Tickets campaign, which gives people who've recently received an AHS parking ticket an opportunity to donate a new toy rather than paying their fine.

"Last year's campaign was so successful and well received last year we decided to launch it again this holiday season," says Darren Zulinick, Director Parking Operations South Sector, AHS Parking Services. "Last year we collected over 200 toys in Calgary for children who needed them."

Parking Services will be accepting donations of new unwrapped toys as an alternative of paying for citations written between Nov. 1 and 30. Toys should be new and in original package, unwrapped and for ages newborn to 17. Value of each toy must be \$25 minimum. The toys will be donated to children in hospitals across Calgary Zone, as well as to local charities that provide toys for children. Toys will be accepted until Dec. 13, 2019, at any AHS Parking Office.

Recommended donations include books, art supplies, science kits, electronics and headphones, Lego sets, portable DVD players, rattles, baby toys, journals, activity books, crayons and colouring books, and gift cards for grocery stores and restaurants (for families).

Visit <u>the AHS website</u> for AHS parking office hours and locations in Calgary or for <u>more info on</u> <u>the campaign</u>.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

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