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NEWS RELEASE

City of El Paso to Host Gift Giving Tree Lighting Ceremony Assisting those in need this holiday season

EL PASO, TEXAS – The City of El Paso will be hosting a Gift Giving Tree Lighting Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 18 at City Hall, 300 N. Campbell.

In an effort to help other in need this holiday season, the City of El Paso's Department of Community and Human Development – RSVP and FGP have been working hard on a very special holiday initiative. We call it the Gift Giving Tree. The Gift Giving Tree initiative provides City of El Paso employee's the opportunity to help those that are less fortunate during the holiday.

The Gift Giving Tree, a project of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for over 30 years and with assistance from the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) the last two years, works by placing over 500 tags with needed items on Christmas trees at City of El Paso locations. Each tag represents a gift of what a veteran, child with disabilities, senior citizen, child and homeless person is requesting this holiday. This year's partners are Bienvenir Senior Health Services, El Paso Animal Services, Ysleta Senior Housing, Mission Senior Housing, Reynolds Home, YWCA Transitional Living Center, Department of State Health Services Children with Special Health Care Needs, Opportunity Center/Magoffin SRO, Armed Services YMCA and the Veterans Transitional Living Center.

The public is invited to join City Representatives and city staff kick-off this wonderful initiative to help those in need in our community during the holiday season. The Gift Giving Tree will be hosted from November 18 thru December 6, 2019.

Special performance by the El Paso Symphony Quartet. Dessert Table and refreshments will be provided as well as an opportunity to take a photo with Santa!

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