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Senator Liu-Toy Drive 2024

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Senator Liu, Champions Martial Arts Intl, Operation Child Rescue, Jibaritos With Troops, Present Toy Donations To Military Families Of The U.S. Army's 77th Sustainment Brigade At Fort Totten

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Bayside, NY – Senator John Liu today concluded his 2024 Holiday Toy Drive with thousands of toy donations for children in the community, including families of soldiers at the 77th Sustainment Brigade in Fort Totten, Queens. Toy donations were collected throughout the

month of December at the office of Senator Liu in Bayside, Champions Martial Arts schools and Operation Child Rescue.

State Senator John Liu stated, "Our community came out in droves to support families in need this holiday season. This year's toy donations will go to children throughout our community, including local military families at Fort Totten who have family members deployed overseas and are unable to spend the holidays together. We are deeply thankful to Champions Martial Arts, Operation Child Rescue, Jibaritos With Troops and everyone in our community who came together to spread hope and cheer to our neighbors here in Queens."

Michael Ro, Head Master of Flushing Champions Martial Arts, stated, "Champions Martial Arts takes pride in self-improvement through martial arts instruction, and giving back to our community is a core value we uphold. We strive to make a positive impact and inspire growth both inside and outside the dojang, and we are grateful to all the Champions Martial Arts schools and community members who made this year's toy drive possible."

William Dobie, President of Operation Cr Inc., stated, "This is our sixth year participating in Senator Liu's holiday toy drive, and we are grateful to be able to give back to children in our community. Giving back to our military families who sacrifice so much to protect our values is an incredible honor, and I'm grateful to everyone who made this event possible."

Amee Hernandez, Former Staff Sergeant and Founder of Jibaritos With Troops, stated, "Thank you to everyone who took time to give back this year to support our troops. It's always a privilege and a pleasure to work with our community to get toys to our local families in need during the holidays."

Eun-Kyung Kim, Executive Director of YWCA of Queens, who will donate a portion of the toys to families in the Flushing area, stated, "The holiday season is a time for giving back to our

community, and we are honored to be part of this incredible effort to bring joy to children and families in need.”

Toys were collected at Senator John Liu’s community office and at different Champions Martial Arts locations throughout Queens, Brooklyn, and Long Island, including Flushing, Bayside, Forest Hills, College Point, Long Island City, Ozone Park, Kew Gardens, Copiague, Astoria, Ridgewood, East Meadow, and 18th Avenue. Donations will benefit children throughout the community, including hundreds of military families stationed out of the 77th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Totten in Bayside, many of whom have loved ones deployed during the holidays.