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## **County of Sacramento**

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## Public Defender Donates Holiday Gifts to Homeless Children

What: Sacramento County Public Defender attorneys and staff will deliver toys to Loaves & Fishes' Mustard Seed School for homeless children

When: Tuesday, December 13, at 12:00 p.m.

Where: Loaves & Fishes' Family Promise Warehouse, 1321 North C Street

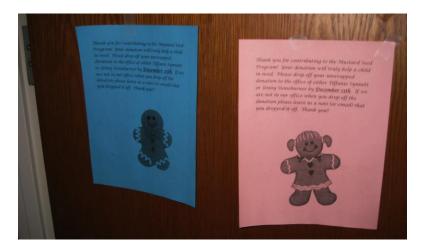
## PHOTO AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES: PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS/STAFF DELIVERING TOYS AT WAREHOUSE

Employees of Sacramento County Public Defender's Office will deliver hundreds of toys and other items collected for homeless children attending <u>Loaves & Fishes' Mustard Seed School</u>. The delivery will take place on Tuesday, December 13 at Noon.

The Public Defender's annual toy drive has become a tradition, said Assistant Public Defender Tiffanie Synnott. "We know parents are struggling to provide the basics for their children, and it's especially challenging during the holidays. We are pleased to make a small difference and put a smile on the faces of homeless children," Synnott added.

This year, Public Defender staff members selected a blue or pink paper gingerbread boy or girl to hang on their office door to represent the child they were buying a gift for. Many staff "adopted" more than one child.

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