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LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT ANNOUNCES CHECK PRESENTATION TO THE CHEROKEE COUNTY TOYBOX PROGRAM

JOPLIN, MO – December 12, 2018 – Liberty Utilities – Empire District will present a check to the Cherokee County ToyBox Program on Thursday, December 13, at 2:00 P.M. The presentation will be held at 915 East Country Road, Columbus, Kansas, at the Cherokee County Sheriff's facility.

The Cherokee County ToyBox Program makes Christmas magical for hundreds of kids, who otherwise would not have a gift to open on Christmas morning. Through the program, parents or guardians are able to submit an application, where different factors, including household income and need are taken into consideration.

"Each year we have hundreds of families apply and it can be stressful, not knowing if we will be able to provide at least one gift to every child," stated Sheriff David Groves, who helps organize the annual program alongside Cherokee County community members, Joanna Derfelt, Sydney Shannon, and Dianna Sly.

"This year we are going to be able to help 260 Cherokee County children, thanks to the giving hearts at Liberty Utilities, who have joined other sponsors in making sure those children have something to smile about on Christmas morning," concluded Sheriff Groves.

"We are thrilled to be a part of this great local program this year," said Jordan Bolinger, Business and Community Development Manager, Liberty Utilities.

"It's always a great feeling to be able to fill a need for the communities we serve. This donation will provide support for a child this holiday season, and we are grateful for organizations like the Cherokee County Sheriff's department for working so hard to make programs like this one a success," added Bolinger.

About Liberty Utilities

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