



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

***Lee Harris, Mayor***

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**MAYOR LEE HARRIS, THE NEVER FORGOTTEN FOUNDATION, AND WALMART  
TO HOST HOLIDAY TOY GIVEAWAY**

*330 children will receive a \$125 Christmas shopping spree at the Whitehaven Walmart.*

- WHAT:** Christmas Toy Giveaway
- WHO:** Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, Steve and Scott Bryson with the Never Forgotten Foundation, Walmart Market Manager Kendale Hutton, Whitehaven Walmart Store Manager Renata Stiggers, John Freeman with NextStep, Inc., the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry, and Santa Claus.
- WHEN:** 1:00 p.m., Sunday, December 18, 2022
- WHERE:** Walmart, 5255 Elvis Presley Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38116

**Shelby County, TN** – On Sunday, December 18, 2022, Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris will join father-son philanthropists Steve and Scott Bryson with the Never Forgotten Foundation, at the Whitehaven Walmart to kick-off a Christmas toy shopping spree for 330 children. The children will receive a \$125 gift card and be accompanied in the store by first responders while they make their selections. Santa Claus will also be there for photographs. Many of the children's parents

were once incarcerated and are clients of the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry. Additional children were chosen based on need through Whitehaven community organizations.

This event started in 2016 when Steve Bryson and The Never Forgotten Foundation secretly paid off local families Christmas layaways. The Bryson Family and The Never Forgotten Foundation continue to support others in the community where he grew up. On Sunday, Steve and Scott Bryson will be joined by Walmart Market Manager Kendale Hutton and Store Manager Renata Stiggers.

**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** “I can’t thank Steve and Scott Bryson and Walmart enough for their generosity to Shelby County’s children. Their history of philanthropy has helped so many in the Whitehaven community and all over Shelby County.”

**About the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry:**

The Shelby County Office of Re-Entry is located at 1362 Mississippi Boulevard. It connects ex-offenders to resources and employers willing to hire them. There is technical and vocational training for small engine repair, construction, low voltage electrical apprenticeships, and forklift operation. Through the 10-to-12-week FOCUSED program, ex-offenders can get help with employment deficiencies, mental and emotional needs, family reconnection, financial literacy, and the restoration of their rights.

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