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### **Volunteers will gift wrap over 2,000 Toys on “Super Wrap Day”**

It is as close as you get to Santa’s Workshop without going to the North Pole!

**December 2, 2009, Silver Spring, MD** – More than 100 volunteers will gather on Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Acorn Storage in Kensington to wrap over 2,000 presents that will be distributed by the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad on Christmas Eve through the Angels for Children toy drive. Rows of boxes and bins line the storage area where up to 15 volunteers per hour will sort and wrap presents in a marathon work session.

The Angels for Children Toy Drive is celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of distributing toys to children. The drive started in December of 1998 when a family lost their house to a devastating fire that took the life of one of their children. Firefighter, Steve Sobolewski, rallied the community and received so many toys; he began to hand them out to community members and a tradition was born. A few years later, the Wheaton Kensington Chamber of Commerce pitched in to help and dozens of businesses were recruited as drop off points. Families in the Pembridge/Amherst Apartment complex in downtown Wheaton will be the recipients of the gifts.

“Many young families are really struggling this holiday season. We’ve been worried about the down turn in the economy and how it will affect the 2009 toy drive.” states Robert Goldman, President of Montgomery Housing Partnership, an affordable housing non-profit in Montgomery County whose residents receive the toys.

Acorn Storage is located at 11015 West Avenue in Kensington. This location is a great video and photo opportunity. Interviews with one of the families who receive the toys can be arranged.

*Montgomery Housing Partnership’s (MHP) mission is to preserve and expand quality affordable housing in Montgomery County. This mission is accomplished by acquiring, rehabilitating, building and managing quality affordable housing. MHP also enhances the vitality of the neighborhoods in which affordable housing is located and develops and implements community life programs in those neighborhoods. MHP, is a nonprofit organization that has been in operation since 1989 and has over 1,000 properties in its portfolio.*

