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Derry student plan toy drive

Dylan Mahalingam, founder of the local non-profit organization Lil' MDGs, and a sophomore at Pinkerton Academy, hosts a toy drive today aimed at New England families and business communities. Lil' MDGs has partnered with Build-A-Bear Workshop this holiday season. Proceeds will be donated to the national Marine Toys for Tots Foundation benefiting needy children

"Participating in the toy drive is a simple, meaningful, yet ideal way for families and local businesses located in the New England region to give back to the community," Mahalingam said. "It is rewarding to know that these toys will bring joy to these children whose family cannot afford Christmas presents."

The mission of the Marine Toys for Tots foundation since its inception in 1947 has been to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Lil' MDGs invites families and local businesses to donate new, unwrapped toys through Dec. 20. Toys can be dropped off at any Build-A-Bear Workshop store location during regular business hours.