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Dear Second Chance Toys,

As a mother of 4 girls, I was able to reuse many of the toys in our home. Every time I pass decent conditioned toys discarded at the curb, there is such a sense of disappointment that the toys are not passed on. When Kelly and I learned about Second Chance Toys we knew it was going to be our Community Club's mission for the holidays.

We spread the word by putting up posters and sharing the information with friends and family. Word of collecting gently used toys began to spread and toys were being dropped off daily. I would often pull up to school with a carload of donated used toys for the students to unload.

During their recess and afterschool, the community club members would inspect, disinfect and sort the toys. It was so much fun to hear the volunteers recollect familiar toys or to say, "Awe, I wanted this when I was young!" The enthusiasm of the club also spread. We started off with a few members and by the time the toys were distributed, the club entered the double digits.

The sense of pride and joy resonated on these students' faces and they were so truly grateful that they were involved in such a giving and resourceful mission. They are eager to double our collection for next year!

Thank you for the opportunity to salvage perfectly reusable toys, and most of all, make a positive difference in other's lives.

Sincerely,

Christine Shaljian, SCT Collector