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## UNH's Wildcat Santa Launches Holiday Gift Drive

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Contributions of new toys and children's books will be accepted by the University of New Hampshire's Wildcat Santa program from Monday, Nov. 20, through Monday, Dec. 11.

Wildcat Santa, a fully licensed, non-profit charitable organization sponsored entirely by university staff and run by volunteers, is entering its 11th year. Donated items are distributed to area social-service agencies as well as to university families or students, and contributions from Durham-area residents are welcome. Collection boxes will be set up on campus at Thompson Hall, Dimond Library and Stoke Hall.

This year, Wildcat Santa is not accepting donations of food, partly because of constraints of time and storage area, and also because other groups in the region run food drives at the same time.

Pet food, however, will be accepted to help support Elderpet, a project run by the university's Thompson School of Agricultural Science to help elderly people on a limited income. Cans of food, kitty litter and cash donations are welcome; dry pet food is acceptable in small quantities, but large bags cannot be accepted.

And be sure to order a copy of the new Wildcat Santa cookbook, with 400 recipes ranging from family heirloom dishes to foreign recipes, and a few surprises, such as the Recipe for Happiness. The cost is only \$10 and all proceeds benefit the Wildcat Santa efforts. The cookbook will arrive from the printer the first week of December, just in time for gift-giving at holiday parties.

To order a cookbook, contribute cash, or for more information, contact Wildcat Santa committee member Kathy Curran, 862-4330, [K\\_Curran@unhf.unh.edu](mailto:K_Curran@unhf.unh.edu).

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