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Spreading Cheer at Chiaramonte

Tampa, FL (December 17, 2012) – This Thursday, the South Tampa Family YMCA and Downtown YMCA Wellness Centers will come together to host their Annual Chiaramonte Elementary School Christmas Outreach event. Staff and board members are gift wrapping donated toys this week in preparation for the charitable event. The media is invited to witness this rewarding day as worthy kids participate in holiday activities and receive gifts from the Y.

What: Approximately 401 Chiaramonte Elementary students will have the opportunity to participate in cookie decorating, crafts, holiday hula and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Each child will receive a special gift collected by the Tampa YMCA.

When: Thursday, December 20th, 7:30am-1:30pm

Where: Chiaramonte Elementary School Media Center, 6001 South Himes Avenue in Tampa. *Media must sign in at the Main Office; photo ID is required.*

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About the Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 142,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org