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## Giving Back

The Moraga Police Officers Association (MPOA) is holding its annual "Stuffed Animals for Emergencies" drive. From Nov 23 to Dec 27, the MPOA is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for S.A.F.E. (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies), which provides stuffed animals to police departments and other agencies to give to children who may be encountering traumatic situations. The drop off is in the Moraga Police Department lobby.

Bobbie and Tom Preston are doing the "Cycle Recycle", collecting repairable bikes for refurbishing by the inmates at Marsh Creek Detention Facility, for a few more days. The repaired bikes will be given at Christmas to under-privileged children throughout the county. Most needed are tricycles and junior bikes.. New and/or used, repairable bikes may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home through the month of Nov only: 1307 Larch Avenue, Moraga. (No need to contact the Prestons before leaving a bike, unless you need more information). For more information call (925) 376-8474.

Mission Market Dec 6 & 13, 10am-12pm Dec 12, 5:30-8:30pm Through the Mission Market you can purchase your loved ones meaningful gifts that will support people in need in the Bay Area and around the world. For example, you can purchase necklaces made by women in the Dominican Republic or dinners for a homeless family at the Bay Area Rescue Mission. For each honorary gift you purchase, you'll receive a card to share with your friends and family letting them know a gift was given in their name. Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 10 Moraga Valley Ln., Moraga [www.mvpctoday.org](http://www.mvpctoday.org), 925-376-4800. The Toys for Tots Program accepts only new, unwrapped toys and toys in the original packaging. (Stuffed animals are allowed.) Drop locations until about mid Dec: Moraga: Fire Station 41, 1280 Moraga Way Fire Station 42, 555 Moraga Road Fire Station 43, 20 Via Las Cruces Orinda: Orinda City Offices, 22 Orinda Way Lafayette Fire Station 15, 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd Fire Station 16, 4007 Los Arabis Dr Fire Station 17, 620 St. Mary's Rd

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