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DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR GRIZ FOR KIDS TOY DRIVE

MISSOULA -

The Grizzly football team's third annual Griz for Kids Toy Drive was a great success during the Nov. 3 University of Montana football game, but there are still unmet needs.

Griz Nation donated more than enough during the game to make a happy Christmas for many young children. Then on Nov. 7 at The Bookstore at UM, members of the football team were overwhelmed by the kindness and Christmas spirit of the Missoula community at another Griz for Kids event.

However, there are still some children in need of added generosity. The toy drive gives away items to a wide variety of age groups, including young people in the 13- to 15-year-old range. Cash donations are needed so Griz for Kids and Mountain of Giving can buy age-appropriate toys for the older children. These two charitable organizations and Missoula Federal Credit Union will ensure the toys get distributed in time to make many merry Christmases.

Griz for Kids collected an estimated \$20,000 in toys and donations in past years, and with continued support from the Missoula community and surrounding areas, that number will be surpassed this year.

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UM's University Relations and head football coach Bobby Hauck believe that giving back to the community and particularly Missoula-area youth is a top priority.

"With your help, we can continue the success for the Griz for Kids program and help to make sure kids of all ages have a great holiday season," said Tyler Joyce, program coordinator.

For more information call University Relations at 243-2522.

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