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Networking Group Partners with Domestic Violence Shelter Commits to Meeting Holiday and Everyday Needs

Networking MFG, a new Business Group for the North Georgia Manufacturing industry, recently delivered toys and a cash donation to **Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV) Gwinnett Shelters**. The toys are holiday gifts for the children of battered and abused women. Networking MFG collected new boys and girls toys over the last couple of months from local business owners for the PADV, which supports women and their children in their efforts to live violence free.

The toy drive was the kickoff to a long-term community partnership between Networking MFG's, 50-plus business network and PADV. The goal is to secure ongoing, monthly donations from the Networking MFG membership based on the needs of PADV.

During the drop off of the toys PADV Shelter Manager Diane Hughes shared that diapers and toiletries as well as working washers and dryers top the list of current needs for the shelter. "We are excited about what we can do to help meet these very basic needs at the shelter," said Jason Moss, founder of Networking MFG. "I believe our business owners will answer the call and using their connections and resources we will meet our ongoing commitment to supporting PADV."

The Toy Drive is the first annual holiday drive offered by Networking MFG, which began operating earlier this year. The group is committed to being a contributor to the community through volunteerism and philanthropy. "We see businesses every day that send work out of the state and occasionally out of the country. Often, this work could be done locally, sometimes with companies in the same parking lot. This trend continues to grow as a direct result of not knowing who in the area has the capabilities to do the work. We simply don't know our neighbors. Networking MFG is changing that," said Moss.

Photo 1, at the PADV Gwinnett Storage Site - *pictured from left to right Jason Moss, Founder of Networking MFG, Troy McConaughy of Oree Industries, LLC and an Networking MFG member, and Diane Hughes of PADV. Photo 2*, Networking MFG Founder Jason Moss delivers toys to the PADV Storage site. ***Photos courtesy of Troy McConaughy of Oree Industries, LLC.***

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