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### **North Grand Mall and community display the spirit of holiday giving**

**Ames, IA** – North Grand Mall invites shoppers to spread holiday goodwill and joy to those most in need. This holiday season North Grand Mall is hosting the Marine Corps Toys for Tots, Youth & Shelter Services Holiday Giving Tree, and the ABWA/ASWA Gift Wrap station.

North Grand Mall is an official drop-off site for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation, accepting new, unwrapped toys through December 13. Donation Boxes are located in Center Court and next to the Mall Customer Service Center.

In coordination with Youth & Shelter Services, Inc. and 1430 KASI Radio, North Grand Mall is sponsoring the Holiday Giving Tree, conveniently located between Vista Vision and Sports Page in the mall's North wing. Shoppers are invited to pick an "angel" ornament listing specific needs for local underprivileged families. Generous shoppers can drop their donations at the Mall Customer Service Center by December 16. Gifts will be wrapped and delivered to area children and families in time for Christmas.

"Last year we were able to sponsor 25 local families in need through the Holiday Giving Tree at North Grand Mall, and we hope to exceed this amount in 2007," said Marge Becker, Youth & Shelter Services, Inc. community resources coordinator.

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is partnering with the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) to provide gift-wrapping services for shoppers. All funds raised will support scholarships for local students. The gift wrapping station will be located next to the Mall Customer Service center.

For more information on extended mall hours, Santa's hours and events, visit the mall website, [www.northgrandmall.com](http://www.northgrandmall.com) or call the mall office at 515-232-3679.

North Grand Mall, located at 2801 Grand Avenue, is home to JCPenney, North Grand 5 Theatre, Younkers and nearly 60 fine shops and services. North Grand Mall is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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## ADD 1 – Holiday Giving

North Grand Mall supports the community with multiple programs throughout the year. Past activities include: Charity Sock Hop, Toys for Tots, Holiday Giving Tree and semi-annual Community Fairs.

More information about stores, services and events is available at [www.northgrandmall.com](http://www.northgrandmall.com) or (515) 232-3679.

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