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Lafourche Parish Government & Nicholls State University Partner Up to Give Toys to Families in Need

Lafourche Parish Government and the Nicholls State University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be holding a toy drive at the Nicholls Colonels men's basketball game on Thursday, December 3 to help local families in need. Fans attending the game are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated.

The toy drive, entitled "Colonel Kringle," is an effort by the university to participate in the *Southland Conference's 12 Days of Christmas*. The *Southland Conference* is the athletics conference in which Nicholls State University sports teams participate.

The Nicholls Colonels host the Loyola (New Orleans) Wolfpack at Stopher Gym on Thursday with tipoff scheduled for 6:30 P.M. This is the first home game of the regular season for the Colonels men's basketball team.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for Lafourche Parish Government to partner with Nicholls State University to give back to the community," said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. "We are grateful for the opportunity to help spread some Christmas cheer this year through this toy drive."

Nicholls State University Athletics Director Rob Bernardi said, "Our student-athletes are encouraged to be involved in the community, and I'm glad to have them involved in such a worthy cause."

All toys collected through "Colonel Kringle" will be donated to Lafourche Parish Government's Department of Community Services to be given to families most in need of gifts. *Santa Claus* will be present before and during the game, and toys will be collected at the front door by SAAC members.

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