

Sims Center, Women Against War swap books for toy guns

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Some of the children called it "Christmas a little bit early." More than 150 children came to the William C. Sims Recreation Center with toy guns, knives, sticks and clubs, but left with basketballs, Michael Jordan Space Jam Dolls, books, baby dolls, school supplies and educational games. The Sims Center and Women Against War sponsored the third annual "Peace Toys for War Toys

Exchange to reduce violence in the community on Friday, Dec. 21, at the recreation center.

The toys were donated by Women Against War, Optimist Club of Winston-Salem, Ellie and John Collins, Shannon Virtue (daughter of Ellie Collins), the Winston-Salem Friends Meeting, CLASS ACT and the Service Club from Hill Middle School. The sponsor of the group is Rarim Allah. The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity donated a girl's bike, which Ashia Crews won. In addition,



Left to right, George Collins helped present Ashia Crews with the bike she won from the raffle, while Ellie Collins and Santa Piggott assisted.



George Collins helped Alderman Joycelyn Johnson distribute hats to the children.



Santa Piggott leads the children in a pledge against violence.



Left to right, Ellie Collins of Women Against War rejoiced with Taikira Richardson, Tanja Brown and Donald Scipio when they exchanged their toys.

the Christmas Cheer Toy Shop of United Way donated several toys.

Event organizer Ben Piggott was very pleased with the reduction in the number of war toys received. In 1993, Santa Piggott crushed six boxes of war toys. This year, there were more children, yet fewer war toys. "This lets me know that we are being effective in reaching families with the message of non-violence," Piggott said.

Susan Wolfe from Women Against War distributed the "Young Peacemaker No War Toy Merit Awards" to the children as they went through the line. The award represented their commitment to non-violence. She said this year's event was the "biggest and best ever."

Several organizations received trophies for their participation: the Optimist Club of Winston-Salem, Women

Against War, Winston-Salem Friends Meeting, and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Poet Shirley Moseley received a Peace Award following her poem recitation of "Christmas: The Season and Reason." She said "Praising Jesus Christ's birth/ instead of raising young minds,/ to shoot maim and kill/is a far better gift,/ than any other."

Some of the special guests in attendance were State Rep. Larry Womble, Alderman



Several groups received trophies for their participation in the event.



State Rep. Larry Womble and Alderman Joycelyn Johnson helped distribute the toys.

Joycelyn Johnson, Parks Department district supervisor Tim Grant, George and Susan Wolfe, Ellie Collins, Ann Paisley, Norris Gullick Jr., and Robert Carter.



Poet Shirley Moseley, center, who received a Peace Award, brought her family with her. Left to right are Caroline Cason, Toccara Roberts, and Marcus Nelson.

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WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Nominee's Name _____
Nominee's Address _____
Occupation _____
Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to be "Woman of the Year."

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MAN OF THE YEAR

Nominee's Name _____
Nominee's Address _____
Occupation _____
Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

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Nominee's Name _____
Nominee's Address _____
Occupation _____
Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

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LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nominee's Name _____
Nominee's Address _____
Occupation _____
Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to receive the "Life Achievement Award."

Your Name _____
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