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The bats will be cracking Saturday, Dec. 8 in a benefit softball tournament for Heart for the Kids. Burleson fire fighters and Burleson police officers will face off at noon at Hidden Creek Sports Complex, 295 E. Hidden Creek Pkwy. Admission is one unwrapped toy.

This is the 12th year that the Burleson Professional Fire Fighters Association Local #4025 and Burleson Police Officers Association have hosted the event.

If you can't make it to the game, the Burleson Firefighters Auxiliary has set up collection boxes for unwrapped gifts at all three Burleson fire stations. The police department also has a collection box. The deadline to turn in gifts at the stations is 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14. The gifts will be distributed the week of Dec. 16. Fire Station #1 is located at 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd.; Station #2 is at 650 Memorial Plaza; Station #3 is at 245 Lakewood Dr.; and the police department is located at 225 W. Renfro St.

The wish list from Heart for the Kids includes bicycles, scooters and toys for children of all ages – newborn to 17 – as well as wallets, purses and jewelry for older teens. The nonprofit assists children who live in the city of Burleson and those who attend Burleson schools. Heart for the Kids will distribute the donated items to families the week of Dec. 16.

The nonprofit is located at 133 N. Main St. The hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 817-447-2923 or go to www.heartforthekids.org for more about Heart for the Kids.