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The public safety rivalry continues, but it's all for a good cause - helping families in need at Christmas.

Burleson police officers and firefighters will face off on the gridiron on Saturday, Dec. 12, for the 14th annual Heart for the Kids benefit game. Kickoff for the flag football game is 1 p.m. at the BISD Stadium on Elk Drive. The only admission for the game is one unwrapped toy for a child. Heart for the Kids, a 501(c) 3 non-profit, will distribute the donated items to families the week of Dec. 14.

This is the 14th year that the Burleson Professional Fire Fighters Association Local #4025 and Burleson Police Officers Association have hosted the event. With help from the community, Heart for the Kids provides new toys/gifts for each child (teens included); new outfit of clothes (a school uniform if required); new shoes, socks and underwear; and, each family is also provided with a box of food for Christmas dinner, if needed.

The Heart for the Kids toys/gifts wish list includes bicycles, scooters and toys for children of all ages – newborn to 17 – as well as wallets, purses and jewelry for older teens. Diapers for the babies are also welcome.

The nonprofit assists children who live in the city of Burleson and those who attend Burleson schools. Heart for the Kids is housed at 133 N. Main St. (the old City service center). Applications are being accepted now through Dec. 4, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 817-447-2923 or go to www.heartforthekids.org for more about Heart for the Kids.