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**PRESS RELEASE**

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### CITY OF ST MARYS PARTICPATING IN MAYORS' CHRISTMAS MOTORCADE

The City of St. Marys will be doing its part to make the holiday season special for residents of Georgia's hospitals serving persons with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs.

For 55 years, cities across Georgia have brought the joy of the holiday season to patients at Georgia's seven regional behavioral hospitals through the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

The program initiated by Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in cooperation with Governor Ernest Vandiver relies on citizen participation in each city to donate gifts for the patients. Many would not receive gifts or be recognized without the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. According to hospital staff, many of the patients at these hospitals have little, if any, support or contact with friends and family.

Donated items from the City of St. Marys will be delivered to Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, on December 4, 2013. Civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, scout troops and individual citizens are encouraged to help with the collection of gifts for the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. **Monetary donations can be made out to Georgia Regional Hospital-Savannah and given to the City Clerk. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations in the designated boxes:**

Name	Address:
City Hall	418 Osborne Road, St. Marys
St. Marys Library	100 Herb Bauer Drive, St. Marys
St. Marys Senior Center	120 Davis Street, St. Marys
Police Department	563 Point Peter Road, St. Marys

Thank you for your support for this worthwhile event.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. T. DeLoughy".

William T. DeLoughy  
Mayor