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**EMPIRE CITY TOY AND COAT DRIVE DONATION MONDAY, DECEMBER 10
DONATION WILL ASSIST HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES & CHILDREN IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THROUGH
CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

December 6, 2012 - Empire City Casino President & CEO, Timothy J. Rooney, will present over 1,000 toys and coats collected in the casino's most successful Annual "Christmas Spirit" Toy and Coat Drive to date, to Catholic Charities on Monday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. Donations will be accepted by Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, as well as Catholic Charities representatives from New York City, Westchester and Putnam counties.

WHO: **Timothy J. Rooney**, President of Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway; **Monsignor Kevin Sullivan**, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York; **Karen Reynolds**, Westchester & Putnam County Supervisor, Catholic Charities Community Services; **Sister Christine Hennessy**, Catholic Charities Community Services; **Órla Kelleher**, Executive Director, Aisling Irish Community Center.

WHAT: Donation of over 1,000 toys and coats for families in need to Catholic Charities through Empire City's annual Christmas Spirit Toy & Coat Drive

WHEN: Monday, December 10, 2012 **TIME:** 11:00 AM

WHERE: Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway; 810 Yonkers Avenue, NY, 10704
Entertainment Lounge, first floor, Gotham Palace

This year, there is an enormous need to assist less fortunate families during the holiday season due to the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. So Empire City Casino's "Christmas Spirit" Coat and Toy Drive for Catholic Charities takes on even more significant meaning. Empire City hosted the two-week drive, and on December 10 will present the gifts to Catholic Charities. The toy and coat drive has become a holiday tradition at Empire City. Empire City President & CEO Tim Rooney and the Casino previously made a generous, \$500,000 donation to the **Catholic Charities Hurricane Sandy Relief and Recovery Fund** established by the Archdiocese of New York soon after the storm hit. Additionally, as New York embarks on a massive rebuilding effort after the devastating impact of Hurricane Sandy, **Tim Rooney**, President and CEO of **Empire City Casino** has pledged to match up to **\$100,000** of contributions made by employees and customers to the **Empire State Relief Fund**.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway: Empire City Casino is a full entertainment destination offering 5,300 slot machines, video roulette, electronic craps, and baccarat tables, Italian cuisine in Nonno's Trattoria, trackside dining in the Empire Terrace Restaurant which overlooks the track for live harness racing, an International Food Court with a wide-ranging menu, year-round live harness racing five nights a week, live entertainment six days a week, including karaoke, comedy, jazz & blues, and the best party and latin bands in the tri-state area. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 400. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2) and is open seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 AM. For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto www.empirecitycasino.com.

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