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Tenth Annual Campaign to Assist Families in Need During Holiday Season...

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway President Timothy J. Rooney Assists Less Fortunate with the "Christmas Spirit" Toy and Coat Drive through December 15 at Promotions Booth

Yonkers, New York - Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway and its President and CEO **Timothy J. Rooney** will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the "**Christmas Spirit Toy and Coat Drive**" to assist families in need during the holiday season, beginning today, Tuesday, **November 8**, through Thursday, **December 15**. Donations will be accepted every day throughout the period at the promotions booth.

Patrons are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys and/or new or gently used coats anytime during that period. The items will be delivered to local charitable organizations for the Christmas Holidays. The toy and coat drive has become a holiday tradition at Empire City Casino for the past nine years, and thousands of toys and coats have been donated since 2007 when the campaign was launched under Mr. Rooney's guidance.

"There are no greater deeds than charity and service," says Rooney. "No act of kindness or generosity is ever too small."

Empire City Casino is located at **810 Yonkers Avenue** (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County (I-87 to Exit 2).

Josh Blake, President of Costa Mesa, California-based The Gander Group will once again donate 500 toys as he has each year.

Empire City Casino has a long history of making life better for the less fortunate from its programs to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy in 2012 to the annual "One Walk" for juvenile diabetes research to the "Ice Bucket Challenge" which assists in the fight against ALS.

For Empire City information visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call **914 968-4200**

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast. Featuring 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo, Empire City Casino also offers guests year-round harness racing and International simulcasting, live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, New York's hottest DJ's, and more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar; Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. Visit Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.

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