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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Border Patrol to Put the Ho-Ho-Ho in the Holidays

San Diego — Dasher, Dancer, and Prancer will be nowhere in sight when Santa drops in on youngsters at the New Alternatives treatment center in East County tomorrow morning. Instead of his accustomed sleigh, the man in red will be riding in green and white – a Border Patrol vehicle. The Border Patrol, with St. Nick in tow, will be handing out toys to more than 40 children who call the New Alternatives facility home. The toys were paid for by proceeds from the Border Patrol's Softball League. New Alternatives is a private, non-profit agency that provides housing and mental health services to abused and neglected youths ranging in age from four to twelve.

Event: Santa Visit

Date: Wednesday, December 20

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: For more information on the specific location of the New Alternatives Center, contact the Border Patrol Public Information Office – (619) 216-4182.