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## \*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\* DOLE DIRECTS TOYS TO KANSAS CHILDREN

Wichita Distribution 10:30 am, Friday, December 22 at the South Central Kansas AT Access Site 3330 W. Douglas

WICHITA, KS -- Senator Bob Dole today announced that hundreds of Kansas children would be getting a special gift this holiday season -- a toy car from the Big Toy Company. The company donated a truckload of about 1000 "Big Bobby Cars" to the children of Kansas, which will be distributed through Special Health Services to handicapped children and children with special needs in Senator Dole's name.

"This event is a real highlight for me," Dole said. "It is an honor and a joy for me to join the effort to help Kansas children who face tremendous challenges every day. I hope that this spark of Christmas cheer will continue to encourage a very deserving group of young people."

Cassie Lauver, Director of the Bureau for Children, Youth and Families, based in Topeka, will attend as a representative of the Kansas Department of Health and the Environment.

"KDHE, in partnership with the Assistive Technology for Kansas Project, is very excited to receive these toys for infants and toddlers with special needs," Lauver said. "These cars will provide a fun way to assist children developmentally."

Toys will also be distributed at four additional sites across the state. Senator Dole is unable to attend the event, due to continuing budget negotiations in Washington D.C. Dave Spears, Senator Dole's State Director will attend to assist in distributing the toys.