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Legacy of Hope
Hance Family Foundation & the NYPD Team up for Christmas

Emma, Alyson and Katie Hance were killed in a tragic car accident on July 26, 2009. The girls were 8, 7 and 5 years old. Their parents, Warren and Jackie Hance, choose not to focus on their loss. Rather, it is their steadfast wish to celebrate the lives their daughters lived. To achieve that goal, they have created a thriving foundation in their daughters’ memories. In the last 10 years, the Hance Family Foundation has proudly hosted Christmas Toy Drives for tens of thousands of children living in need across New York. The Hance Family Foundation collects new toys from its generous supporters and hand delivers each gift at events they host in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and on Long Island.

This year a massive Christmas Toy Drive will be hosted at the NYPD’s new Community Center, located at 127 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn. The Hance Family Foundation’s leadership is proud to partner with the NYPD as they work together to bring joy to children. Chief Nilda Hofmann, NYPD Chief of Community Affairs Bureau, has built an incredible partnership with the Hance Family Foundation—a partnership that benefits the officers of the NYPD, School Safety Officers, and the families of NYC.

“This foundation started because people surrounded my family — literally and figuratively — since July 26, 2009,” says Warren Hance. “Friends and strangers have allowed us to focus on the good in this world. A path has been carved that enables Emma, Alyson and Katie to still make an impact on others daily. That is the greatest gift anyone can give a grieving parent. The holidays can be exceptionally challenging but our Toy Drives allow us to focus on gratitude and the joy our girls brought us.”

The Hance Family Foundation, headquartered in Floral Park, NY, began as a local grassroots effort in 2009 and has grown into a powerful organization that offers its suite of innovative Self-Esteem Rising programs to more than 65,000 participants worldwide. Programs are presented across New York City, Long Island, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Florida, and more U.S. locales, and even as far as Uganda and New Zealand. Additional information about the foundation is available at www.selfesteemrising.org. Also on the site is information about how to get involved in the foundation and how to bring Self-Esteem Rising programs (Beautiful Me, Raising a Beautiful Child and Empower Me) to any school, business or community, as well as downloadable content to share on social media.