

6th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run

The 6th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear Run was held Saturday December 4, 2021. Even though this event takes place during the Christmas Toy Run 'season'... these toys are not for Santa to place under the Christmas tree of a needy child. Troll's Teddy Bear Run collects stuffed animals for the Family Advocacy Centers, local PDs, and First Responders to assist traumatized children.

These plushies are carried in the vehicles of Emergency Responders to help a child in need during a crisis. A home fire, auto wreck, or other traumatic situation can be particularly hard on a little one. Sometimes something soft, cuddly, and theirs can help them as they go through their ordeal.

There were 164 riders participating. Sign-in for the run and the first card pull were at American Bike and Trike located in Gilbert, AZ. From there riders went to their first stop at Wahoo's Restaurant & Bar in Gold Canyon for the 2nd pull and a biker brunch. Then it was off to The

River Bottom Bar and Grill in Florence for the 3rd card. Final stop was at Superstition Harley-Davidson {2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction} for a double card pull and the awarding of poker hand prizes, door prizes, and raffles.

Between donations made ahead of time and donations received on the day of the event, over 650 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals were collected this year ... along with a few toys as well.

The organizations that Troll's Teddy Bear Ride helped in 2021 include Pinal City Family Advocacy Centers, Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Capacity Builders Inc., Chrysalis DV Shelter, and Salt River Family Advocacy.

Thanks go out to the 2021 Sponsors: Superstition Harley-Davidson, Law Tiggers AZ, Wahoo's Restaurant & Bar, Leslie Kay's Inc {insurance}, American Bike & Trike, TNC Book Recycling, and of course Troll's Biker World.

The 7th Annual Troll's Teddy Bear

Run will take place on Saturday December 3rd, 2022.

Troll included this message, "Thank you everyone that helped and attended. Without you we would not have ended up with over 650 Teddy Bears and stuffed animals allowing us to help out six different organizations via the Mesa Family Advocacy Center. To help out next year and or to keep informed about our future rides, go to trollsbikerworld.com"

Congratulations to Troll on his efforts to secure 501c3 status for Troll's Teddy Bear Run! This means, among other things, that YOU can now make financial donations to this wonderful cause AND create a tax benefit for yourself or for your business. Very cool! [Check with your accountant for details.]

For more info about this opportunity, contact Greg 'Troll' Hughes at 360-451-1795 OR trollsbikerworld@gmail.com

Congratulations on a successful day!

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