



Media Alert

Tiny Tim, Ronald McDonald & 150 School Children kickoff 2nd Annual Lincoln Square Christkindl Market with a Shoe drive for the Needy

PICTURE THIS

- The Goodman Theatre's Tiny Tim, From A Christmas Carol
- Ronald McDonald leading 150 Caroling school children from St. Matthias Transfiguration School donating shoes
- 8 foot x 4 foot St. Nicholas Shoe

WHAT: The Lincoln Square Christkindl Market "kicks" its St. Nicholas shoes off with a charity shoe drive benefiting St. Vincent DePaul Society of Chicago. The charity shoe drive coincides with the announcement of the Christkindl Market in Lincoln Square that takes place December 4, 5 and 6th at the corner of Leland and Lincoln Avenue. Tiny Tim and Ronald McDonald will lead a parade of 150 school children down Lincoln Avenue and each child will donate a pair of shoes to the St. Nicholas shoe.

The goal of the shoe drive is to collect over 2,000 pairs of new or gently worn shoes to benefit many in the Chicago area. St. Nicholas' shoe will be on display in Giddings plaza serving as a collection point for shoes until January 2, 2010. Piggy Toes at 4548 N. Western Avenue will also serve as a collection point for shoes.

Next month, Lincoln Square will be transformed into a small German Village with strolling musicians, holiday lights and ice sculptures adorning the streets in the square at Lincoln and Leland. Under the big heated tent scrumptious German fare and glugg will warm visitors as they listen to traditional Christmas music during the day and contemporary music at night.

WHO: Alderman Gene Schulner 47TH Ward Alderman
Rev. John Sanaghan, Administrator of St. Matthias Church
Melissa Flynn, Executive Director Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce
John Gremer, Director of Community Affairs, Walgreens – Presenting Sponsor
Ronald McDonald, McDonald's on Western Avenue – Proud Sponsor
John Babbo - Plays Tiny Tim in the Goodman's production of A Christmas Carol

WHEN: Tuesday, November 24, 2009
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Giddings Plaza
4731 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago

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