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City of Elberton Participating in Mayors' Christmas Motorcade

The City of Elberton will be doing its part to make the holiday season special for residents of the state's mental health and retardation hospitals.

For 50 years, cities across Georgia have brought the joy of the holiday season to patients at Georgia's seven regional mental health and retardation hospitals through the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

The program, begun by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in cooperation with Governor Ernest Vandiver, relies on citizen participation in each city to donate gifts for the patients, many of who would not receive gifts or be recognized without the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

The City of Elberton will be delivering gifts to East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta, Georgia on December 10. Civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, scout troops and individual citizens are encouraged to help with the collection of gifts for the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. For more information on how groups can participate, please call Cindy Churney at 706-213-3100. *Donations may be made to East Central Regional Hospital and mailed or hand delivered to ATTN: Mayors' Christmas Motorcade, City of Elberton, 203 Elbert Street, PO Box 70, Elberton, Georgia.*

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 510 member cities.