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### **Metro Officers Nominate Winning Family For Walker Furniture Giveaway**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas for one Las Vegas family.

A single mother and her five children are about to receive a houseful of necessities from Walker Furniture as a part of its "Home for the Holidays" program.

The family was nominated for the program by a group of Metro officers out of Bolden Area Command. The officers came in contact with the family while patrolling their neighborhood. They noticed that as the mother walked her oldest child to school every day, she brought her younger children with her—pushing them in a shopping cart. The officers began a dialogue with her and learned she had recently lost her own mother; she had no help at home and brought the children with her each morning so they would not be home alone. The officers also learned that the mother had no stroller, no furniture, and no beds for her children. She was broke and alone, struggling to care for her family.

The officers discussed how they might help the disadvantaged family, and decided to nominate them for the Walker Furniture giveaway.

There were over two thousand families nominated for the "Home for the Holidays" program this year. The Metro officers are thrilled that their family was selected.

This family is one of thirty-six worthy families that will benefit from Walker Furniture's charitable program this year. They will receive their furniture on Thursday, December 18, at 10 am, at 2605 Rainbow Cactus (near Washington and Rancho).

Metro officers (including those who nominated the family) will be present and will help unload the furniture. The media is welcome to attend and film the furniture delivery. For more information contact the PIO at 828-3394.

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