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AYS STUDENTS LEAD STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE FOR INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT; COLLECTED TOYS TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- WHO:** AYS kids at Allisonville Elementary School (the AYS students at Allisonville range from 1st to 5th graders)
- Representatives of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD)
- Leslie Hankins, AYS director of development and marketing
- WHAT:** Presentation to IMPD of stuffed animals collected by Allisonville AYS students
- WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 12, 2016
- 4 p.m.
- WHERE:** Allisonville Elementary School
- 4900 E. 79th St.
- Indianapolis, IN 46250
- WHY:** On Friday, the AYS students at Allisonville Elementary School will be celebrating their successful stuffed animal drive for IMPD, by presenting the toys they collected to representatives of the police department. The AYS kids were spurred to start the drive after one of their fellow students mentioned the idea to them. Often, police officers utilize stuffed

animals in their work, when they come across a child who may benefit from a comforting toy.

AYS, Inc. (AYS) is Central Indiana's premier provider of before- and after-school programs for kids. Its programs complement school-day learning and primarily focus on math, literacy, character development and physical activity; the nonprofit's secondary priorities include science and art. For more information on AYS and its education and enrichment programming, please visit www.ayskids.org.

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