



## **Rotary Clubs of Fayetteville Cancels Christmas Parade, Santa To Go Through Neighborhoods**

Fayetteville, NC- Due to the current pandemic, The Rotary Clubs of Fayetteville have announced that they will not be organizing the usual Christmas Parade this year. The Christmas Parade is a regular feature held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December. The Christmas parade is usually a grand affair and one the anticipated events of the Christmas festivities. The parade attracts more than 10,000 people from Fayetteville and surrounding areas.

As part of a series of events held by all the Rotary clubs of Fayetteville, the parade is a big hit every year with several units taking part. The Christmas parade is staged at the Cumberland County Courthouse parking lot and starts at the Liberty Point building slowly making its way up Pearson Street to the Market House. A mammoth event, it features floats and marching bands. While the parade in 2018 recorded around 10, 000 people, in 2019, the parade reflected a theme of youth leadership in Fayetteville. The parade is organized by the Fayetteville Rotary Club, the Fayetteville Lafayette Rotary Club, the Liberty Point Rotary Club, the West Fayetteville Rotary Club, and the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas.

Not to dampen the holiday season, the Rotary Clubs of Fayetteville are organizing another thrilling event to replace the parade. The members have decided to take Santa on a tour throughout select neighbourhoods because, *“if the kids can't see Santa in the parade, why not take Santa to them?”* This will hopefully soften the disappointment from the cancelled parade. More details on this event to be released at a later date.

Incidentally, Rotary is an international organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide by a common goal of humanitarian service. There are almost 1.2 million members spread over 161 countries worldwide.

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