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**A SINGLE MOM REDISCOVERS THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS AND FINDS LOVE
ALONG THE WAY IN 'OPERATION CHRISTMAS'**

Premieres Sunday, November 20, on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries



STUDIO CITY, CA – A single mom who has lost her holiday spirit rediscovers the true meaning of Christmas when she takes on a toy drive benefitting the families on a nearby Army base in the original movie "Operation Christmas." The new movie is one of Hallmark Movies & Mysteries' "Most Wonderful Movies of Christmas," stars **Tricia Helfer**, ("Battlestar Gallactica") **Marc Blucas** ("Necessary Roughness") and **Lisa Durupt** ("Murder She Baked"), and premieres **Sunday, November 20, (9 p.m. ET/PT)** on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries.

After relocating to Washington state with her two kids, divorced single mom Olivia Young (Tricia Helfer) is assigned by her new employer to oversee the annual Christmas toy drive for the local Army base, and is less-than-thrilled to find out that her on-base liaison is Sergeant Scott McGuigan (Marc Blucas), the guy who stood her and her kids up the prior Christmas. Having long ago lost her excitement over Christmas, it isn't long before Olivia begins to regain some of her former enthusiasm for the holiday, and soon finds herself pulling out all the stops to make this the most successful-ever toy drive for the families whose brave men and women answer the call of duty to ensure our freedom.

Along the way, Olivia and Scott discover that they have a lot more in common than just the project at hand, and with a bit of encouragement from their kids, they find themselves falling for one another. Once Olivia begins to learn more about the Army families at Fort Wilcox, and is befriended by some of the wives, she becomes determined to do even more for the families of these unsung heroes. When she finds out that the much-needed Family Deployment Center has been shuttered due to budget cuts, Olivia redoubles her efforts and declares "Operation Christmas," a campaign to not only provide families with Christmas trees, food and gifts, but an all-out fund-raising initiative aimed at reopening the Family Deployment Center. By reaching out to local businesses and even the president of the bank where she is employed, Olivia is stopping at nothing to reach her goal.

Olivia has found her "Christmas mojo," as Scott calls it, once again, and has rediscovered something else she had lost ... the ability to open her heart to love once more. As events build towards the night of the big fund-raiser, Scott and Olivia's love is put to the test when he receives orders to deploy. Prevented from telling Olivia where he will be going or when he will return, Scott's sudden deployment brings up Olivia's worst fears, and she must decide whether to end the relationship before she is hurt again, or if she really has what it takes to be an Army wife.

ABOUT HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES

With sister cable television network Hallmark Channel, Hallmark Movies & Mysteries is the second 24-hour linear channel under the Crown Media Family Networks umbrella. Distributed in both (HD) and standard definition (SD) in 68 million homes across the United States, Hallmark Movies & Mysteries is one of the fastest growing networks in cable and a leading destination for quality, family friendly entertainment. Launched in 2008 as Hallmark Movie Channel, the network was re-branded in fall of 2014, transitioning into Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. True to its name, the channel brings the lighter side of the suspense and mystery genres into focus with rich, dramatic, and thought-provoking storytelling. The network's programming lineup features a unique mix of new, original movies, presentations from the acclaimed Hallmark Hall of Fame library, and such time-honored acquired series as "Murder, She Wrote," "Matlock," "Hart to Hart" and "Diagnosis Murder." The channel is also home to the annual, eight-week holiday programming event "Most Wonderful Movies of Christmas," which helps viewers celebrate the season with new, original movies and beloved holiday classics, including "A Christmas Carol," "Holiday Affair," "Babes in Toyland," and "Christmas in Connecticut."



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