



Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Deputies, Other Law Enforcement Agencies Volunteer for 11th Annual "Shop With A Cop" *Making the Holidays Brighter for 80 Children*

Milwaukee, WI - On Saturday, December 9, 80 children will shop for holiday gifts with Sheriff's deputies and police from area Milwaukee County law enforcement agencies for a day filled with the holiday spirit and giving. Correctional officers, civilian staff, and community volunteers are also volunteering for the event.

The program builds positive relationships among law enforcement officers and young people in the community, and was started in Milwaukee County by former Sheriff David Clarke in 2007.

Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, "Shop With A Cop allows for the participating children to enjoy a rewarding experience with law enforcement officers and create lasting memories. It's a day filled with the holiday spirit."

The Sheriff's Office reached out to the Milwaukee-area business community and successfully secured funding for the program for its 11th year. Donations will allow children from Journey House, Boys and Girls Club, Neighborhood House, the SOS Center – a non-profit social services agency, the Lighthouse Youth Center, Milwaukee Christian Center and UMOS to enjoy breakfast, a day of holiday shopping with a law enforcement officer, and a pizza lunch while gifts are wrapped.

Each child from first through eighth grades will be partnered with a law enforcement officer. They'll board a chartered bus at Journey House and head to the Intercontinental Hotel downtown for a catered breakfast and then to Walmart.

At Walmart, the children will be able to purchase up to \$100 of gifts for family members and themselves. After shopping, they'll head back to Journey House where volunteers from Girl Scouts, Marquette University, and the community will wrap their gifts with them and enjoy pizza and holiday activities.

Sheriff's deputies will be joined by police officers from Milwaukee, Fox Point, Greenfield, St. Francis, Shorewood, West Allis, Wisconsin State Fair Park, Marquette University, UW-Milwaukee and MATC Public Safety.

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The MCSO thanks all the participating businesses and organizations for their monetary and in-kind donations which make this event possible: The Marcus Corporation, Walmart, Laughlin Constable-McDonald's, Jani-King, Surg Restaurant Group, Pizza Man, Go Riteway, SEVVA Salon and Nail Boutique, and City Screen Print & Embroidery. A special thank you to anonymous individual contributors who sponsored children for this event.

New this year, Rebel Converting, Dream Bikes, Master Lock are generously providing vouchers for all of the participating children to receive a refurbished bike, a helmet and a bike lock.



Shopwithacopforkids.com

Shop With A Cop Scheduled Events

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. - Children check in at Journey House, 2110 W. Scott Street, Milwaukee
Face painting; officers and children are partnered

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. - Load buses to Intercontinental Hotel
139 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. - Breakfast – Intercontinental Hotel

11:30 –noon - Load buses and ride to Walmart
10600 W. Layton Avenue, Greenfield

Noon – 1:30 p.m. - *Shop With A Cop* at Walmart

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. - Load buses and return to Journey House
Officers released

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. - Wrap Christmas gifts (Girl Scouts, Marquette University and community volunteers) Pizza / Holiday activities

****Media is welcome to attend this wonderful event****

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