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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Employees Donate over \$19,000 to Support 13th Annual Christmas with a Deputy Event

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is gearing up for the 13th annual Christmas with a Deputy event. The event focuses on providing Christmas gifts for children in the Flagler County community who otherwise would not have a Christmas.



FCSO presents \$19,266.00 donation to 2019 Christmas with a Deputy program. From left: FCSO Victim Advocate Nicole Farmer, Commander Lou Miceli, Victim Advocate Kathy Vazquez, Sheriff Staly, and Victim Advocate Mary Dinardi.

This year, there will be two Christmas with a Deputy events in Flagler County. The first will be on Friday, December 6th at 5:00 pm. At the Palm Coast Walmart. This event for 75 children was made

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possible by a generous donation from Walmart.

The second event will be on December 13 at 5:00 pm. That night activities including crafts and games will kick off at the Chimento, Dwyer, Hertel and Grant law office building. Each participating child will receive gift bags filled with goodies and their very own Santa hat. Then, over 100 law enforcement vehicles with lights and sirens blaring will form a convoy and head to the Palm Coast Target with 125 children for holiday shopping. In addition to FCSO deputies, officers from Florida Highway Patrol, the Bunnell Police Department, the Flagler Beach Police Department, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will participate.

Christmas with a Deputy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. The program is made possible by donations received from the community and the members of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. From July through December, FCSO employees donate to the Christmas with a Deputy fund through payroll deductions. This year the agency raised \$19,266.00, which Sheriff Rick Staly presented to the Christmas with a Deputy President, FCSO Commander Lou Miceli.

Children are selected to participate in the event by nominations from FCSO employees and Flagler County Schools' staff.

"Every year we look forward to supporting the Christmas with a Deputy program. This is a wonderful way for us to give back and support our community while building positive relationships between children and law enforcement," Sheriff Staly said. "I am proud of our employees who donate their time and money to make this event possible for the children of Flagler County."



Above: Photos from the 2018 Christmas with a Deputy event at the Palm Coast Target.

Any media outlets wishing to cover this event should contact Brittany Kershaw at (386) 586-2637 or by emailing bkershaw@flaglersheriff.com.

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