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### **SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM**

**Niles, IL** – On Saturday December 9, 2018, police officers from the Niles Police Department partnered with the Walmart Corporation to provide a brighter Christmas for disadvantaged children in the Niles area. The primary purpose of the “Shop with a Cop” program is to provide disadvantaged children with holiday gifts and clothing and to have them interact with law enforcement officers in a positive setting. This year’s event was hosted by the Walmart Corporation located at 5630 W. Touhy Avenue in Niles.

The Walmart Corporation provided twenty five, one hundred dollar gift cards for a total charitable donation of \$2,500. Each youth was partnered with a member of the Niles Police Department. They then went through the Walmart store to select items that the youths wanted. In some cases the youths who were partnered with Niles Police Department staff exceeded the \$100 gift card amount; these individual members of the Niles Police Department paid the remainder of the amount owed out of their own pockets.

Shop with a Cop was created to help less fortunate children in the Niles area experience a joyous Christmas. This is the second year that the Niles Police Department had partnered with the Walmart Corporation to provide a \$2,500 grant. Niles Family Services staff identified fifteen families with a total of twenty-five youths to participate in the program.

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