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Police and Fire Departments Help Needy Children

The Darien-Woodridge Fire District and union Local 3437 have combined with the Darien Police Department to "Shop with a Hero". Thanks to a very generous donation from the local Darien Wal-Mart, off-duty firefighters and police officers will take 24 needy children Christmas shopping for their family. This is the second year that Wal-Mart has participated in this program of giving back to the community. Due to the success of the project last year, Wal-Mart has increased its funding for the worthwhile event.

Working with local schools, and other agencies, the Fire District and Police Department have identified many families who might not otherwise experience waking up and opening Christmas presents. The joy of a child during these holidays is a lifetime memory. It is the hope of the Police Department and Fire District to provide some of these memories for a number of children.

On the morning of December 6th, 24 children will meet at the fire station and be teamed up with a police officer or firefighter. They will then go across the street to Wal-Mart and shop for presents for their family. Once completed, they will return to the fire station and wrap the presents they just purchased. In addition, some breakfast snacks, provided by local 3437, will be available.

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