

MARK H. MILLER Sheriff

Dear Sheriff 's Reserve Supporter,

September 4, 2018

The Wapello County Sheriff Reserves proudly another year of supporting the children of Wapello County. We hope we can count on your continued support for the Wapello County Sheriff Reserves and our programs which help to better the lives of children in Wapello County.

We are well into our annual fundraising efforts for the 2018 Season! Each year we raise money to take children shopping and support our many other programs to help Wapello County residents. The money we raise goes towards supporting the youth in Wapello County and supporting our annual operations. Most of the funds go directly towards shopping trips, enabling law enforcement officers to take children shopping and help families in need. Each child is treated to a one-on-one experience with an officer/deputy who spends several hours with their child, followed by a group lunch provided by Burger King, giving them a unique experience with law enforcement. Our shopping trips have proven to be a very positive influence in children's lives over the years. When we take the children shopping, we will spend approximately \$250 on each child for school clothes, winter coats and gloves, school supplies, a couple toys, as well as any other necessities. This year we will again team with other law enforcement agencies in Wapello County to increase the number of children we take shopping. Throughout the following year we use any leftover funds to continue Reserve programs and give back to our community, such as Mainstreet Movie Night, YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, local Prom Committees, uniforms for little league baseball teams, as well as purchasing Junior Deputy Bears and stickers. The Sheriff's Deputies keeps these teddy bears in their patrol vehicles to comfort children they encounter who have been involved in a critical incident.

If you have any suggestions for a child or wish to donate, don't hesitate to contact our <u>Reserve</u> <u>President, Mark Smoot</u>, at (641) 226-0749 or the <u>Sheriff's Office</u>, at (641) 682-0345. We will happily pick up your donation or you may mail to the Sheriff's Office at the address below.

We are always open to suggestions and are always looking for more ways to help.

Thank you for your support,

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