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Sheriff

Dear Shop With A Cop Supporter,

September 1, 2015

The Wapello County Sheriff Reserves proudly announce December 2015 will mark 25th Anniversary for Shop With A Cop in Wapello County. We want to thank all our supporters who have helped make our Shop With A Cop Program an awesome success! 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 beginning our annual fundraising efforts for the 2015 Christmas Season! Each year we raise money for our Shop With A Cop program to help give back to Wapello County residents. The money we raise goes towards supporting the youth in Wapello County. Most of the funds go directly towards Shop With A Cop, which enables law enforcement officers to take children shopping, whom without this program, might not have a Christmas. We also use these funds to purchase Hy-Vee gift cards, which we give to families in need, especially those with more than one child in the household. 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, giving them a unique experience with law enforcement. Shop With A Cop has proven to be a very positive influence in children's lives over the years. When we take the children shopping, we will spend approximately \$300 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 several little league baseball teams, as well as purchasing Junior Deputy Bears and stickers. The Sheriff's Department 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 family in need of some help this Christmas, don't hesitate to contact our Shop With A Cop Program Manager Darrell Bridgewater at 641-680-5826 or 641-682-0345. We are always open to suggestions and are always looking for more ways to help.

Sincerely,

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