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PRESS RELEASE

31st Annual "SHOP WITH A HERO" in WATERFORD

The Waterford Township Police and Fire Departments, *in collaboration with* ***Meijer*** and the ***Waterford Coalition for Youth*** was able to make the 31st year of **"Shop with a Hero"** another great success for 110 children in need on Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Through generous donations from the Waterford Meijer, Suburban Collection Group, Waterford Police and Fire benevolent funds, Skull Island Summer Camp and area citizens, 110 students from the Waterford School District were given the opportunity to shop with members of the Waterford Township Police and Fire Departments. From the donations, each student was able to shop for themselves and their family for Christmas. The presents were then wrapped by countless volunteers from the Waterford School District, while the children met Santa. Waterford Jets Pizza on Pontiac Lake Road helped top off the event by donating a pizza lunch to all the kids, volunteers and Santa.

Also helping make the program a success were the countless volunteers from the ***Waterford Coalition for Youth*** and the ***Waterford School District***. Santa and Mrs. Claus even took time out of their busy schedule to be on hand during the event!

Each year the Police and Fire Departments adopt local families who are in need. 2019 marks the 31st year that the Police and Fire Department have helped families in need during the holidays and the 15th year having a partnership with Meijer. All participating organizations and volunteers were excited about the opportunity to make the holidays brighter for the children and their families.

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