



*PRESS RELEASE – 12/13/22 – Chief of Police Dan Burch*

## **RLPPD “Shop with a Cop” has many people to thank**

Chief Daniel Burch and the Round Lake Park Police Department would like to thank the many local residents and businesses that supported the twenty-sixth annual Round Lake Park Police Department “Shop with a Cop” program this holiday season.

The program provides \$100 in spending money to underprivileged children, giving them an opportunity to accompany a police officer while purchasing Christmas gifts for themselves and loved ones. It’s designed to provide positive encounters with police officers and open lines of communication between the police and youth.

Children were chosen through referrals from local school social workers as well as Avon Township in an effort to help those families most in need. The Round Lake Park program was the first of its kind in Lake County growing each year, starting with 20 children in 1996 to now nearly three times that in 2022! The Shop with a Cop program is now sponsored by numerous police departments in Lake County.

This year the children and their families gathered at Murphy Elementary School for a night of food, fun, games, and they enjoyed a \$100 shopping spree at Wal-Mart in Round Lake Beach. The children were transported to Wal-Mart by officers from the Round Lake Park Police Department, Round Lake Heights Police Department, and Lake County Sheriff’s Department Reserve Deputies. They walked through the aisles filling shopping carts with clothing, toys and bicycles.

Helping to make this happen were the following business, organizations, families and individuals:

Ace Hardware - Round Lake  
Ador Company  
DeKind Computer Consultants  
Ernest Rector  
First American Bank  
Galati’s Pizza – The Galati Family  
Gloria and Dennis Bentzen  
Judith Harsch and John Skorodynski  
Mobile Auto Parts  
Nothing Bunt Cake – Enza Galati

The Pizza Place - Jean McCue  
Round Lake Area Exchange Club  
Round Lake Park American Legion Post #1170  
Sara Vela  
Susan Neuls  
Timber Creek Homes, Inc.  
Walmart – Round Lake Beach

**Village of Round Lake Park** - Mayor Linda Lucassen, Clerk Gloria Bentzen, Trustee Robert Cerretti, Trustee Robert Culp, Trustee Karen Eggert, Trustee Cindy Fazekas, Trustee John Skorodynski, Trustee Cheryl Thome, Village Prosecutor Luis Alberran

**W.J. Murphy Elementary School, Early Education Center, Village Elementary School, Indian Hill School, Pleveak Kindergarten, Round Lake Area High School – Student Volunteers** – Nyssa Smith, Jasmin Tellez, Jazmin Guzman, Annette Trujillo, Alexander Gabriel Ramirez, Katherine Torres

**Lake County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputies** – Kevin Ortloff, Tyra Hernandez, Chris Galardi, Chris Schultz, Ricky Ignacia, Bruce Zimmers, Suzanne Jones, Nhan Quan, Carri Rivera, Brian Lloyd, Eli Rivera

**Round Lake Heights Police Department** – Evan Woodward, Juan Leon

**Round Lake Park Police Department** - Chief Dan Burch, Commander Ala Dynak, Commander Hector Lepe, Eric Corona, Nicolai Fuhrmann, Yazmin Gomez, Jason Harden, Mike Janosz, Matt Maculan, Waymon Vela

**Village of Round Lake Beach** – Trustee Martha Ibarra

