



PRESS RELEASE – 12/21/2023 – Chief of Police Dan Burch

On December 18, 2023 the Round Lake Park Police Department held its twenty-seventh annual “Shop with a Cop” program. RLPPD has many people to thank for making this another successful community event.

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



The program provides up to \$150 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 doubled in 2023! 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 \$150 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 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 businesses, organizations, families and individuals:

Yeli's Bakery

Julio's Mexican Restaurant

Olando's Pizza Round Lake

Round Lake Area Exchange Club

Round Lake Park American Legion Post #1170

Walmart – Round Lake Beach

Village of Round Lake Park – Deputy Clerk Judy Harsch, Village Prosecutor Luis Albarran

W.J. Murphy Elementary School, Avon Township

Student Volunteers – Nyssa Smith, Katherine Torres, Sabrina Myers, Dominique Taylor, Alani Gonzalez, Sorenia Anderson, Kate Frederick, Jake Pardus, Ava Klingler, Imani Mugo, Mario Garcia Bueno, Alejandra Serna.

Round Lake Area Exchange Club – Danielle Theobald

Lake County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputies – Kevin Ortloff, Tyra Hernandez, Ricky Ignacio, Carri Rivera, Eli Rivera, Bob Cade, Scott Fry, Kellie Truppa, Eddie Rush.

Round Lake Heights Police Department – Cheryl Wilkinson

Round Lake Park Police Department – Chief Dan Burch, Commander Ala Dynak, Eric Corona, Nicolai Fuhrmann, Yazmin Gomez, Brittany Fears, Mike Janosz, Matt Maculan, Waymon Vela, Anthony Santos, Jeffrey Marra, Brian DeKind.

Village of Round Lake Beach – Trustee Martha Ibarra

Avon Township – Michelle Bauman

Volunteers – Sara Vela, Jennifer Santos, Sofia Santos, Maribel Santos, Juan and Joanna Rodriguez.