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Wal-Mart and Fort Pierce Police help local kids “Shop With a Cop”

FORT PIERCE – Wal-Mart and the Fort Pierce Police Department will be helping more than 35 kids shop for special gifts this holiday season at the local Wal-Mart Supercenter as part of the third "**Shop With a Cop**" event.

On **Tuesday, December 23, at 10:30 a.m.**, more than 20 police officers from the Fort Pierce Police Department will team up with kids at the **Wal-Mart Supercenter located at 5100 Okeechobee Road in Fort Pierce** to purchase gifts for family, friends or themselves.

The shopping spree, funded by a \$2,500 grant received from Wal-Mart, is the idea of the store's manager, Greg Allen. While working at another Wal-Mart, Allen participated in the event in that community and led the effort to duplicate the effort in Fort Pierce three years ago. Since then 65 underprivileged children have participated in the shopping spree.

Through the generosity of Wal-Mart, the amount of the grant was increased last year which allowed the department to select more children to participate in "Shop With A Cop."

Police officers and school representatives submitted names of children who would not otherwise receive gifts for Christmas. Each child will be given a \$75.00 gift card and will work their way around the store escorted by a Fort Pierce police officer.

Before the shopping begins, the children will be treated to a continental breakfast with Santa Claus and their police escort.

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