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11th Annual "Shop with a Cop" Program

Earlier this week, the Lake City Police Department proudly celebrated the 11th year of its popular "Shop with a Cop" program, a holiday tradition that continues to bring joy to local children while fostering trust and connection between law enforcement and the community. Funded through a generous grant from Walmart and supported by the Walmart Distribution Center, the program exemplifies the spirit of giving and community partnership.

Each year, children are thoughtfully selected through local schools and aftercare organizations within city limits, for the program. This ensures the program reaches families who may face challenges during the holiday season, creating opportunities for these children to experience the magic of the holidays in a meaningful way.

This year's event brought smiles to 30 children as they shopped for gifts alongside officers. The program not only allows children to pick out presents but also provides an opportunity for officers to engage with the community in a personal and impactful way.

Chief Gerald Butler highlighted the importance of this annual tradition stating, "The 'Shop with a Cop' program is more than just a shopping trip—it's about building connections and making a difference in the lives of these children and their families. We're honored to continue this program for its 11th year and grateful for the partnerships that make it possible."

Over the past 11 years, the "Shop with a Cop" program has touched the lives of over 300 children in the Lake City community, offering not only gifts but also lasting memories and strengthened relationships with law enforcement.

The Lake City Police Department extends its sincere gratitude to Walmart and the Walmart Distribution Center for their steadfast support. Their contributions ensure the continued success of this initiative and its positive impact on local families.

For more information about the Lake City Police Department and its community outreach programs, please visit www.lcfla.com/police.



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