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# Warren Police Department Brings Holiday Cheer Through Annual Shop with a Hero Events

The Warren Police Department proudly extends its sincere appreciation to the many volunteers, donors, and community partners who made this year's *Shop with a Hero* events a tremendous success.

Each year, the Warren Police Department partners with both Meijer locations in Warren, the Fraternal Order of Police, and other valued community stakeholders to collect generous donations that help make the holiday season brighter for local children and families in need. Through these partnerships, participating families are invited to enjoy a personalized holiday shopping experience alongside uniformed police officers, dispatchers, and other first responders at Warren's Meijer stores. Using donated gift cards, each group shops together to select meaningful holiday gifts and necessities.

By hosting two *Shop with a Hero* events annually, the Warren Police Department is able to reach more families and expand the positive impact of this long-standing holiday tradition. This year, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Meijer and numerous community supporters, nearly 130 children and families participated—making this one of the largest *Shop with a Hero* events in the department's history.

"*Shop with a Hero* is a powerful example of how strong community partnerships allow us to serve beyond our traditional role," said Warren Police Commissioner Eric Hawkins. "These events create meaningful connections between our officers and local families while helping ensure children experience the joy and spirit of the holiday season."

These events are especially meaningful to members of the Warren Police Department, who see them as an opportunity to engage with the community beyond the badge. Through their volunteer service—and often their own generosity—first responders help create a lasting experience for every participating child and family.

The Warren Police Department extends its sincere appreciation to the volunteers, donors, and community partners whose generosity made this year's *Shop with a Hero* events possible.

Through their support, many local families were able to experience joy, hope, and the spirit of the holiday season. The department looks forward to continuing this valued tradition and growing its impact in the years ahead.

Please see pictures from this year's events included below.

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