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Winter Haven Police Department
Operation Reach Out

The Winter Haven Police Department has identified families in our community that required assistance this Christmas season. Members of the Police Department selected names of children from a Christmas wreath. They purchase gifts and wrap them. In addition the police department provides a Christmas meal for the families. The gifts and meals will be distributed on Saturday, December 15, 2007 beginning at 10:00 am.

This year Wal-Mart Super Center in Winter Haven has joined with the Winter Haven Police Department by donating money to Operation Reach Out to buy additional gifts. Wal-Mart Super Center donated \$1000.

Members of the Winter Haven Police will be out shopping at the Wal-Mart Super Center on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 buying those gifts.

Officer Terry Bowden, coordinator for the event, is thrilled that Wal-Mart has joined the Winter Haven Police Department in Operation Reach out.

Since 1996, the members of the Winter Haven Police Department have adopted 219 children within 74 families for Christmas. If you would like additional information, please contact Officer Bowden at 863.297.3147.

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