

## Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg Provided Christmas for 50 children

On December 15, 2022, the Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg held its Annual Children's Christmas Event with 50 children receiving their gifts at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The parents or guardians of the children came to the Christiansburg Recreation Center's parking lot where Kiwanis members delivered them a bag of toys, a bag of clothing and food for each child. For those unable to come pick up their gifts, the Club delivered the gifts.



The process began with the local schools providing the Kiwanis Club the names of children in need. They, also, obtained and provided the Club a list of the clothing needed and the toys desired. Once the names were received, each Kiwanian took a name and bought clothes for the child they selected. Items of clothing purchased included; coats, sweaters, shoes, boots, socks, pants, shirts, underwear and other items requested. On average, each Club member spent in excess of \$125 per child for clothing. The members wrapped the gifts and delivered them to the Recreation Center for distribution.

On the Saturday before the event, a group of Kiwanis members went on a club funded 7:00 a.m. shopping spree at Walmart, purchased toys for the children and delivered them to the donated B & B Storage facility. Later the toys were taken to Christiansburg High School where they were wrapped and bagged by the Early Childhood Education Class. Once wrapped, the toys were returned to B & B Storage for storage until they could be delivered to the Christiansburg Recreation Center for distribution to the children's parents as they drove through the Recreation Center parking lot.

The members buying clothes and the club providing toys and food, spent in excess of \$11,000 total this year. The funds the Club used to buy toys and food came from the various fund-raising activities the Club had during the year.

A big thank you for Walmart and its employees, B & B Storage (Bryan Rice), the Early Childhood Education Class at CHS. the Christiansburg Recreation Center and all the Kiwanis members who helped make this event a success.

Special thanks to Kiwanian Dennis Hunter who chaired the event for the Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis members who provided the needed resources.

Kiwanis is a global organization of members, clubs and partners who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg has provided service to the local community since its charter was granted in 1949.