

The Sellersburg Police Department helped make Christmas a little more merrier for 31 local children recently through the department's Christmas For Kids Program.

Officers, friends and family of the Sellersburg Police Department spent Tuesday morning, December 13 filling shopping carts at Walmart in Clarksville. The children filled their cart with new jeans, shirts, shoes, coats, gloves and of course, items on their wish lists, such as bikes, CDs, movies and lots of other fun toys.

Matt Adams, the Coordinator of the Sellersburg Police Department's Christmas For Kids program, was all smiles as he watched the faces of the children light up with amazement that they were getting that special toy they have wanted for so long. Adams is in his second year as Coordinator of the event.

After filling their shopping carts with goodies, the 31 local kindergarten through fifth graders from Silver Creek Primary and Silver Creek Elementary Schools, were treated to a nice kid-friendly meal at the Moose Lodge in Sellersburg.

"I want to thank Jap for supplying lunch and the building for the event," stated Adams. James "Jap" Perry has helped the program for many years.

Adams was quick to thank the local businesses and community for their donations for the Christmas For Kids program.

"I want to thank all the local businesses and community for their donations and support. Without their support and donations the program would not be successful," Adams added.

Adams also wanted to thank Gerald Broady for driving the bus, Donnie Meyer for renting and driving the box truck to transport all the items purchased from Walmart back to the Moose Lodge and the volunteers including wives of the officers and family members for assisting with the program.

"I also would like to again thank Vectren, Walmart, Down River Bar & Grill and Huelsman & Sweeney Construction for their generous donations," Adams concluded.

Vectren Energy donated \$2,500, Walmart donated \$2,000, Down River Bar & Grill donated \$775 and Huelsman & Sweeney Construction donated \$500 for this year's Christmas For Kids program.

"I just really want to thank everyone who helped make this year's event a success. Without their continued help and support, the program would not be successful," Adams concluded.

The Sellersburg Police Department continues to collect for the Christmas For Kids program all year. If you would like to make a donation to the program please mail your donation to Sellersburg Police Department, 101 S. New Albany Street, Sellersburg, IN 47172. Please be sure to make a note in the memo line of your check, "Christmas For Kids."