

Kiwanis Club of Smithfield

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Kiwanis Programs Brighten Holidays for Smithfield



Smithfield Center Coordinator Linda Chavies, Santa Claus, and Police Chief Mark Marshall are all smiles as they move out from the Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa to the Smithfield Christmas Parade.

Christmas Toy Store Benefits IOW Needy

Chairman Mike McPherson reports that the annual Kiwanis Christmas Toy Store—held at Smithfield Center on December 13th and 14th—exceeded our expectations. Our largest project of the year, it supplied needed toys and books for over 400 children of economically challenged (often single parent) families. Mike says all participants deserve credit for a job well done, especially the following:

- First kudos go to Linda Chavies and Peter Stephenson for arranging the use of the Smithfield Center. The facility is an outstanding venue.
- Chairman Mike McPherson received major assistance from Diane Fulton in coordinating the overall project and handling the campaign for donations.
- Ed Mortimer worked long hours in negotiations for toy purchases and directing logistics.
- Bob Cole came through like a champ with storage.
- Toys R Us and Walmart who assisted us with purchases—providing competitive pricing, advice for selection of toys, and age marking of packages.
- For identifying the disadvantaged to be served, we are indebted to the Luter Family YMCA and the Salvation Army.
- Treasurer Barbara Bryant worked hard to keep complex finances in order.
- Wesley Brown and others worked on deliveries of leftover toys to other service providers and needy families.

Smithfield Kiwanis Projects Spread Good Cheer



IOW County Schools were well represented at Kiwanis service projects in December by Karen Franklin, Key Club Faculty Sponsor; Rebecca Mercer, SHS Principal; and Mike McPherson, Director of Education

Breakfast with Santa Was a “Maxed Out” Success

The second annual Breakfast with Santa drew a capacity crowd to Smithfield Center on December 10th. We fed about 600 people and raised a tidy sum for our Foundation Account.

The event was held just before the annual Christmas Parade in downtown Smithfield, and it was a big hit with parents and children alike. Kids were able to sit on Santa’s lap, listen to

stories with Mrs. Claus or make Christmas ornaments (courtesy of the YMCA) to take home.

Three dozen Kiwanis and Key Club members worked extremely hard all morning to keep up with overwhelming demand for pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit and beverages.

This event was so successful that we can hardly handle any more people next year. I want to per-

sonally thank all those who cooked and served. Special thanks also go to Linda Chavies who organized the event, got us involved and did regionwide advertising. And to the Key Club elves. We are also indebted to Smithfield Foods for their generous support.

We look forward to doing it again next year and making it just as Jolly Successful.

—Sue Ivy

The Prez Sez.....Joe Puglisi

For the 80% of Kiwanians who participated in Breakfast with Santa and/or the Toy Store project, congratulations on a job well done! In addition to making so many children happy with presents that they could not otherwise afford, you’ve done much more. Such as

- Building pride in needy adults by empowering parents to play Santa for their children
- Providing organization and delivery on behalf of many county businesses who would otherwise have to do it on their own.
- Freeing up resources of county service providers and businesses to address other community needs.
- Providing services consistent with Kiwanis objectives of building a stronger and more caring community.

Sixty thumbs up for Chair Persons Sue Ivy and Dr. Michael McPherson and all those who pitched in to make the events a success!