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Kiwanis Programs Brighten Holidays for Smithfield



Children got personal attention at Breakfast with Santa, held at Smithfield Center before the Smithfield Christmas Parade on December 9th.

Christmas Toy Store Benefits IOW Needy

Chairman Craig Stallings reports that the annual Kiwanis Christmas Toy Store—held at Smithfield Center on December 12th and 13th—exceeded our expectations. Our largest project of the year, it supplied needed toys and books for about 400 children of economically challenged (often single parent) families. Craig says all participants deserve credit for a job well done, especially the following:

- Chairman Craig received major assistance from his wife in coordinating the overall project and negotiating toy purchases
- Billy Cook, who worked long hours in assembling toys, moving them to storage and thence into Smithfield Center, and manning the Store
- Bob Cole who came through like a champ with storage
- Dr. Michael McPherson for doing the book purchases
- Treasurer Barbara Bryant who kept the complex finances in order
- Wesley Brown and others who worked on deliveries of leftover toys to other service providers
- Linda Chavies and Peter Stephenson for procuring the Smithfield Center which provided an outstanding venue
- The Luter Family YMCA and the Salvation Army for their assistance in identifying the disadvantaged to be served
- Target Stores who assisted us with purchases, providing competitive pricing
- Our many sponsors, especially the publisher of the *Daily Press* newspaper

KIWANIS TOY STORE SERVED TO BENEFIT THE NEEDY



Craig Stallings, his wife Susan and their daughter celebrate completion of the Christmas Toy Store project. Craig and Susan handled many of the arrangements themselves, including purchases of all the toys.

Breakfast with Santa Was a “Maxed Out” Success

The third annual Breakfast with Santa drew a capacity crowd to Smithfield Center on December 9th. We served over 700 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.

Two 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 and did regionwide advertising. And to the Key Club elves. Wesley Brown and his family did great with tickets sales. We are also indebted to Smithfield Foods for their generous support.

We look forward to doing it again next year..

—Sue Ivy

P. S. from the Presidentby Peter Stephenson

For the many 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 Craig Stallings and all those who pitched in. Happy New Year!