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Smyrna and Clayton Police team up once again to offer Shop with a Cop Program this holiday season.

Officers from the Smyrna and Clayton Police Departments will once again host “Shop with a Cop” for our local communities this year. This program provides the opportunity for under privileged children in our area to have dinner with officers, and then accompany officers to a local store to purchase gifts that they may not have normally received to celebrate with this holiday season. “Shop with a Cop” hopes to bring joy to the children and officers involved, while enriching the relationship between citizens and Police.

On December 8th, 2016, officers will give a child an unforgettable shopping experience. The event begins with a meet and great dinner at Pat’s Restaurant in Smyrna where officers and children share a meal while getting to know each other. The officers will provide transportation in a marked police car to the Middletown Wal-Mart. At the store, the officers help the children shop for themselves and then participants will be required to also buy a gift for a brother, sister, parent/guardian, or friend in order to “pay it forward”. In addition to a wanted gift, officers will make sure the children buy an item of necessity such as a jacket, hat, gloves, or other needed clothing.

We are currently seeking qualified children in our area for this event. Interested parties may obtain applications at the Smyrna Police Department. Applications are due November 30th. Please note that in order to participate, the child must reside within the corporate limits of Smyrna or Clayton.

Please direct all questions to Detective Weller, Jessica.weller@cj.state.de.us.

Also, we ask that any interested parties or organizations help us make this event a success by donating to our go fund me account at <https://gofundme.com/shop-with-a-cop>.