



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** December 19, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$500.00 from Hill

City Lions Club to support Grand Rapids Police Shop with a Hero

Program

**PREPARED BY:** Captain Andy Morgan

## **BACKGROUND:**

In the past, Captain Andy Morgan has approached the community organizations and groups in search of donations for the Shop with a Hero. The above donations were provided without solicitation but rather the Hill City Lions Club gracious commitment to this important community event.

With the intention of better serving and connecting with our community, GRPD again organized the annual Shop with a Hero event. Area emergency service providers and Grand Rapids Walmart hosted the "Shop With a Hero" event on December 11, 2022 at 9:00a.m. The event paired 30 area youth with a member of emergency services and local military staff - a "Hero." Each team was given a \$100 Walmart gift card, calculator, and the task of holiday shopping for the participant's family members. Volunteers gift-wrapped all presents before a surprise visit from Santa Claus where each youth received a wrapped holiday present of their own.

This event would not be possible without the continued support of service providers, volunteers, first responders, local military, and the countless number of donors such as Hill City Lions Club. It's truly a wonderfully fulfilling day.

## **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$500.00 from Hill City Lions Club to support Grand Rapids Police Shop with a Hero Program.