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## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

**AGENDA DATE:** December 20, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$100.00 from UPM Blandin Paper Co, a donation of \$100 from MN State Patrol Troopers Association toward Grand Rapids Police Shop with a Hero Program

**PREPARED BY:** Andy Morgan

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Captain Morgan approached the above organizations and groups in search of donations for the Shop with a Hero.

Area emergency service providers and Wal-Mart, annually host the Shop With a Hero event in December. The event provides area youth an opportunity to purchase \$100 worth of Wal-Mart merchandise to be given as holiday gifts to their family members. Youth are selected by organizers with the assistance of Area School Professionals, Itasca County Health and Human Services, Ross Resources, Children's Mental Health and Kootasca. Participating youth are then paired with a member of emergency services and local military staff - a "Hero," and are given a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card and calculator. Heroes then assist youth in shopping for holiday gifts for their family. Upon purchase, volunteers will gift-wrap all presents. Following a surprise visit from Santa Claus, the youth receive a wrapped Christmas present of their own.

The 2012 Shop With a Cop involved 20 area youth and has considerably grown to 30 youth in this year's event. Sadly, this year's event was cancelled due to the pandemic.

We are pleased to announce that we received the above donations from the above identified community partners.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$100.00 from UPM Blandin Paper Co, a donation of \$100 from MN State Patrol Troopers Association toward Grand Rapids Police Shop with a Hero Program