



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 11/22/2021

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt a resolution accepting donations for the Shop with a Hero Event.

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BACKGROUND:

The Grand Rapids Police Department is conducting its ninth annual Shop with a Hero Event. This event will take place on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at the Grand Rapids Wal-Mart store. The Police Department has secured donations from the Greenway Lions Club (\$1000.00), Cohasset Fire Hook & Ladder (\$650.00), Grand Rapids VFW (\$500.00), Leech Lake Gaming Division (\$500.00), Hill City Lions Club (\$500.00), Hill City Fire Relief Association (\$500.00), Deer River Northern Star Cooperative (\$200.00), Grand Rapids Eagle's Club (\$200.00), Philip Windorski Jr. Memorial Foundation (\$150.00), and Coleraine Hook & Ladder Club (\$100.00).

With these donations, children will be given a \$100.00 dollar gift card. Each child will be paired with a member of either the police department, EMS, fire department and military members who will then assist the child with Christmas shopping for the child's family members.

Upon completion of shopping, the child will be directed to a designated check-out area where the child's presents will be gift wrapped by volunteers. The children will enjoy refreshments and tour emergency vehicles followed by a visit with Santa Claus.

Santa will be providing each child with a personal Christmas gift for them to enjoy. The children have been selected for this event with the cooperation of the Grand Rapids Police Department, Itasca County Social Services, Ross Resources, Grand Rapids Yellow Ribbon Committee and Kootasca.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion adopting a resolution accepting \$4,300.00 in donations for the 2021 Shop with a Hero Event and authorize purchase of Walmart Gift Cards.