



Overland Park Police Officer's Foundation

Cops & Kids/ Operation Rudolph Event

The Overland Park Police Officers Foundation is proud to announce our **"Cops & Kids"** Operation Rudolph Event. This event will be held on Friday, December 18th at the Target store located at 12200 Blue Valley Pkwy in Overland Park.

The program is designed to unite Overland Park Officers and public safety employees with local disadvantaged children for a special day of shopping. The children will shop with local officers for Christmas gifts & necessities and be provided a gift basket with food for a holiday dinner. Children and families will be carefully selected and screened by a committee of local law enforcement officers to reach those most in need. Approximately \$200 will be spent on each child. Our goal is to sponsor as many children as possible through the support of donations from our citizens and businesses here in Overland Park and throughout Johnson County. Contributions directly benefit the **"Cops & Kids"** program but can also be used at the Overland Park Police Officers Foundation's discretion for other community programs as appropriate.

The Overland Park Police Officers Foundation believes this to be a worthwhile program, one that will benefit the children and families of Overland Park. We know that as a society, we must do all we can to support the less fortunate, especially the children. This event is a wonderful opportunity for police officers and kids alike, allowing them to interact and break down the barriers that often exist, and building a better, more trusting relationship between children and law enforcement. Our goal is to not only financially help these children, but to let them know they have someone to turn to when faced with a potential crisis. This makes our community safer for everyone!

Due to the decrease of our fundings in the wake of this pandemic, Target provided a \$5,000 grant through their "Heroes and Helpers" program to sponsor as many children as possible. To that end, we are working hard to make a successful event safe for everyone while still meeting the goals of this program. Please continue to join us and give what you can to help our children at this time of anxiety and stress; helping them continue their very important education. The Overland Park Police Officers Foundation strongly believes that we will make a difference in the lives of our children and families here in Overland Park and the surrounding communities. We are grateful for your consideration and support to this event as we strive to help the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Brandon Faber
Director
Overland Park Police Officers Foundation