



Wrapping up the 2018 Season of Giving

The 2018 Season of Giving has come to a close and the kindness and generosity of the Somers community was, once again, amazing to see. We are excited to share with you the success of this year's campaign. On behalf of the Town of Somers Human Services Department and the residents we serve, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to all who contributed to and participated in this year's Season of Giving.



♥ SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN

The 2018 Salvation Army Kettle Campaign stationed outside of the Dunkin' Donuts in Somers ran from December 10th thru December 14th from 7:30am-10:30am each day. A special thank you to all 14 of our volunteers, including State Representative Kurt Vail, for making this possible. We had a very successful campaign and raised **\$923.10** for our service unit! 90% of funds raised stay in our service unit and can be used towards assisting low income residents with rent, utilities, summer camp, back-to-school supplies, furniture and more. We extend our sincere appreciation to Dunkin' Donuts for being so accommodating to us for the third consecutive year!

♥ ADOPT-A-CHILD PROGRAM

The 2018 Adopt-a-Child Holiday Program provided gifts for **58 children from 24 families** as a result of the generosity of **31 donors**; a combination of private residents, civic organizations, and faith based organizations.

♥ TOWN OF SOMERS EMERGENCY FUND

Perhaps the greatest goal of the Season of Giving Campaign is raising awareness. Since the implementation of the Season of Giving in 2016, the community has become much more aware of the Town of Somers Emergency Fund, it's purpose, and the process by which low-income families in Somers apply for and utilize these funds. As a result, donations from private residents, civic and faith based organizations to the Emergency Fund totaled **\$3,390.00** during this Season of Giving ensuring that we can continue to help meet the basic needs of struggling families in Somers.

♥ SHOP WITH A COP

The Town of Somers Human Services Department was thrilled to once again have been selected to participate in the REACH Foundation's Shop With A Cop Program. **Three children from Somers** were able to take part in this program created to strengthen relationships between youth and law enforcement in their communities while providing a special holiday experience. This year, kids and cops had some fun at Dave & Buster's before heading out to shop! The parents of children who participated were beyond grateful for the opportunity to see their children take part in such an incredible event.



♥ STUFF-A-CRUISER

Stuff-a-Cruiser exemplifies collaboration at its best. The event is coordinated by the Somers Women's Club. Donations are collected and stored at the Resident Trooper's Office. The Town of Somers Public Works Department transports and unloads the collection at the Somers Senior Center where members of the Somers Women's Club and Human Services Department organize the donations. Human Services staff then coordinates distribution amongst families in Somers. This year, the collection provided toys for **44 children from 20 families in Somers**. Teamwork is the key to the success of this event!



♥ MEALS ON WHEELS

The Season of Giving Campaign worked to inform the community about the Town of Somers Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program. Many residents are unaware of the program's existence or its uniqueness in that it is run independently of any state or federal assistance. As a result of this campaign, **\$2,575.00** in contributions were made to MOW greatly increasing the long term sustainability of this extremely important program.