



**2018 SHOP WITH A COP
SPONSORED BY THE
LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DECEMBER 13, 2018**



United Way of Lewis County, for the 17th consecutive year, is partnering with the Lewis County Sheriff's office in coordinating "Shop with a Cop". This is an opportunity for children from disadvantaged circumstances to go Christmas shopping for their immediate family. Last year over 30 children were paired up with deputies and shopped with money raised by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association.

What we are asking from you is to help us find the children who would benefit from such an experience. If a child has had negative experiences with law enforcement in the past, this is an opportunity to have some contact with officers in a positive light. It allows the officers to interact with children in an uplifting atmosphere.

On December 13th, the selected children will meet at Walmart, pair up with their "cop" and the shopping begins. The child comes with a list of the family members and their ages so appropriate items can be selected. At the conclusion of the shopping, the child rides to the Lewis County Law & Justice Center in a Sheriff's Office vehicle. With additional help from support staff and volunteers, the gifts are wrapped, games are played, and pizza is brought in for dinner. The atmosphere is kept festive until it is time to have the child picked up.

Criteria

- * Child is in second grade (7 years old) thru high school
- * Family residence is in Lewis County
- * One child per family
- * Child has **not** participated in the past
- * Counselors may call the United Way of Lewis County office to verify child's previous participation.
- * **Child must to be able to separate from family while shopping**

Application Considerations

- * Children from families who may have negative feelings or mistrust of law enforcement
- * Children from families with financial need

Schedule Timeline

- * Application deadline is November 21st
- * Family notification begins December 4th
- * "Shop with a Cop" on Thursday, December 13th, starting at 5:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:45 p.m.

A committee will make selections from the applications based on the number of deputies signed up to participate. To ensure confidentiality where needed, we will contact the person that filled out the application and make the arrangements to notify the family of the child. You may send in an application for more than one child, keeping in mind that only one child per family will be selected.

**Applications are available to complete online at www.lewiscountyuw.com.
Submit completed application online to admin@lewiscountyuw.com
or print and mail to the following:**

SHOP WITH A COP
450 NW PACIFIC AVENUE
CHEHALIS, WA 98532

Applications may also be faxed to 360-748-8222. If there are any further questions, you may call the United Way office at 360-748-8100. **The application deadline is November 21st.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
INCOMPLETE OR ILLEGIBLE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**