



Sharing Ohio's Best Program

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Agency of the Month

Geauga County Sheriff's Office

March 2021

Letters to Santa . . .

The Geauga County Sheriff's Office wanted the children of Geauga County to have some normalcy despite these not so normal times. The agency installed a "Letters to Santa" mailbox outside of their office so children could drop off letters to Santa.



One of their employees responded to each and every letter (if there is a return address). The children love it and it shows the parents that the Sheriff's Office also care for their children and want them to believe in the magic of Christmas, no matter the circumstances.

2020 has seen its share of challenges affecting individuals and families in so many ways. COVID-19 resulted in job losses, temporary unemployment and, sadly, the loss of family and friends. Couple that with devastation from natural disasters, and it's easy to see why the Santa project is more important than ever.

This project provided the opportunities for shared belief and play, reliving and sharing childhood memories, and encouraging empathy, kindness and generosity. Believing in Santa Claus can also benefit children's development as an avenue for creativity, imagination and play.

These children deserve the same magic that all of us had during Christmas when we were young. The Sheriff's Office feel that it is their duty and responsibility to keep children safe and to also let them have a wonderful imagination.

This project has made so many children comfortable with coming to the Sheriff's office and approaching the deputies when they are here dropping off their letters. They want people of all ages to be comfortable approaching us and this has made it so much easier for them. The Sheriff's office received 127 letters in a few short weeks.



They received such a wonderful response from the public that this will be a long standing tradition for the children of Geauga County.

