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Citrus Heights Police Department Announces the 17th Annual Operation Holiday Cheer Family Gifting Event

The Citrus Heights Police Department is delighted to announce the Seventeenth Annual Operation Holiday Cheer Family Gifting Event! Each year, we partner with City staff, volunteers, local service clubs, schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and generous community members to help bring holiday joy to Citrus Heights families in need.

This heartwarming program focuses on supporting families who live within the City of Citrus Heights, have experienced an unexpected hardship during the year, and have at least one child under the age of thirteen. Since the program's inception, CHPD and our amazing community partners have assisted more than 680 families—that's over 4,200 individuals whose holidays have been made brighter through the kindness of others.

The Family Gifting Event provides participating families with food, household essentials, and toys and clothing for their children. This program's success is made possible entirely through the generosity of our community. Whether through donating new and unwrapped gifts, adopting a family, volunteering your time, or simply spreading the word—every act of kindness makes a difference.

Community members are encouraged to donate or nominate a family for consideration. To nominate a family, please complete the *Family Gifting Event – Family Nomination Form* available online at www.citrusheightspd.net or in person at the Citrus Heights Police Department. Applications will be accepted until Sunday, November 23, 2025. Nomination criteria and submission details are listed on the form and the website.

We are currently accepting donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, new unwrapped toys, gift wrap, and wrapping supplies. Donations may be dropped off at the Citrus Heights Police Department Lobby during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, through Friday, December 5, 2025, at 4:00 PM. Gift cards and monetary donations are also welcomed and can be dropped off or mailed to CHPD, Attn: *Holiday Cheer Coordinator*.

For those interested in adopting a family, making a donation, or learning more about how to get involved, please contact us at ohc@citrusheights.net or call (916) 727-4988.

Together, let's make this holiday season a little brighter for families in our community!