

In past years the Cornelius Police Department has worked with our school partners and foster care providers to identify kiddos and families to support over the Holiday Season through our “Shop with a Cop” event. Shop with a Cop has always been a favorite event of the city, the police, the kids, and the community. It has always been a big event that brought together many people around the community. Our local businesses have always been very generous providing snacks and treats to everyone during the event. We would even have Santa and Ms. Clause in attendance.

Historically during Shop with a Cop, we partnered a police officer with a kiddo, and they shopped for their families. We would also pickup surprise presents for our shopping buddies from their wish list so that they have presents under the tree too. As with so many things this year, Shop with a Cop was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even though we couldn’t shop with our community’s kids, or host a big event like previous years, we still wanted to provide a Happy Holiday to those who need it most. With the help and generosity of local businesses, city employees, and volunteers we were able to shop for 40 kids! We also provided the families of those 40 kids with gift cards to help make their season a little brighter. Gifts were picked up Saturday by our younger community members and their families. Community volunteers not only shopped for the gifts, but also spent hours lovingly wrapping every single present. A big thank you to [Centro Cultural](#), [Cornelius Fred Meyer](#), [Cornelius Walmart](#), and [Reeser’s Fine Foods](#) for their support!

