



## Special projects allow officers to spread holiday joy

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The holiday season is here, and Dayton Police Department officers are once again spreading cheer to the community through two annual traditions.

Officers and members of the Dayton Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #44 have been busy buying gifts and coats for the families on this year's Angel Tree. Families are 'adopted' by various units, their families, friends, and other City of Dayton employees who provide needed gifts. Dayton FOP Lodge #44 also purchases new winter coats for the children.

The Angel Tree helps 10 families, which include 32 children, from across Dayton. Officers played Santa and delivered gifts on Dec. 14.

The other annual holiday partnership is with St. John's Church English as a Second Language School (ESOL), spreading not only cheer but also warmth to dozens of families of Dayton's refugee community.



Over the past several weeks Dayton officers and ESOL faculty collected donations of new hats, gloves, and mittens and will hand out these gifts on Dec. 20.

The donations will help nearly 100 adults and children, many of whom are not used to Ohio winters, stay a little warmer this season.

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**(The media is invited to attend the St. Johns's ESOL party, at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 20, 515 E. Third St.)**

