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Local Family Gives Back to Cops For Kids

(Paulding County, GA) On Tuesday November 3, 2015 Sheriff Gary Gullede had some special visitors come by the Sheriff's Office. John Dean brought several of his grandchildren (Devin Provost, Aubrey Crum, Ryan Coggins, and Emma Coggins) to see Sheriff Gullede and to donate \$500 to the Cops for Kids Christmas shopping fund. What is remarkable about this donation is that the donors are all youth that live in Paulding County. What is even more remarkable is the story that led up to their donation.

In 2014, John Dean had two of his grandchildren and their family lose everything they owned in a tragic house fire. Dean, who is the grandfather to all of the aforementioned children, knew he wanted to do something to help. After the house fire, the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Cops for Kids program stepped in and helped make those children's Christmas possible. Mr. Dean stated that he and his family were so overwhelmed by the support of our program that they were in awe.

Mr. Dean explained that he gives each of his nine grandchildren \$50 for Christmas every year. He stated that without any prompting, all of the grandchildren decided to donate their Christmas money to the Cops for Kids program. He further stated that they rounded the total up and gave \$500 to Cops for Kids. Sheriff Gullede stated, "I am taken aback by the generosity of these children and this family. This is what Cops for Kids is all about and I am certainly glad to be a part of it."

The donation of this money will help take other less fortunate children in Paulding County shopping this Christmas. The Sheriff's Office Cops for Kids program was started in 1998 and took 20 children shopping and has grown to allow us to take around 200 children this year. This year's event will take place on Saturday December 12, 2015 at 7:00 am at the Wal-Mart on Marietta Highway. If you would



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like to donate money or get your children signed up to participate in the program, you can go to our website at www.paulding.gov/sheriff or call Lieutenant Tracy Parker at (770) 443-3016 for more information.

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