

OPERATION ELVES COMMUNITY

Giving to Those in Need



Operation Elves Delivery Up North October 2023

It is hard to believe that we made our trek up North over two months ago. Where has 2023 gone?!?!?!?

We loaded up the trailer (thanks Darryl) and filled it with 86 boxes (thanks Brian & Bill) and headed up North for our delivery on October 17. We arrived at 9:55 am and met with a group of great volunteers (see picture above) and proceeded to unload the trailer. With seven Elk volunteers and a dog (Brady), we proceeded to unload the trailer in 15 minutes. Once again showing, what can be accomplished by a group of caring individuals.

We got a tour of the containers and saw all the items that were already collected as the Elk's team gets ready for Operation Santa 2023. In February, we will be able to report out on how many children and elderly were served but it is safe to say that our contribution will help them to make Christmas special for those in need.

Special thank you to everyone who showed up to help us unload the trailer: Kip, Bonnie, Chapman, Anissa, Aaron, Daryl, Judy, John, and of course, Brady.



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Updates for this issue

2023 Final Operation Santa Gift Counts

Blankets - 293 (111% to goal)
Hat Sets - 250 (125% to goal)
Books - 218 (125% to goal)
Cash Donations: \$840

Special Thanks

A big shout-out to individuals who have contributed to this year's goal in the past two months. A special thank you to:

- Beverly N
- Jean S
- Lisa L
- Alan H
- Jenny W

How Can You Get Involved

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Let me know if you would like to add anyone to our newsletter distribution. Go out to our website to see more pictures and back issues of the newsletter.

The next issue will be in February 2024



2024 NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Starting in 2024, we are going to move to Quarterly Newsletters. We will follow this schedule and give these highlights:

February - Recap 2023 Operation Santa distribution & communicate 2024 goals for Operation Elves

June - Regular update

September - Last call for donations before our annual road trip

December - Recap of the roadtrip and final donation counts



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is hard to believe that 2023 is almost over!!!

It is my sincerest wish that you have a wonderful Christmas/holiday season. And I hope that 2024 brings you health, happiness and many, many blessings. As I close another year, there is so much I am grateful for and for which I feel tremendously blessed. I want to thank you for being part of the community, for your generous donations, and for the giving of your talents. As always, your contributions are making a difference and help to make the holiday season special.

Enjoy!