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## **Cheektowaga Police, Kids Shop for the Holidays During Annual Blue Mittens Event**

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Kids and cops shopped until they dropped for the annual Blue Mittens event to find everything on their holiday list.

Fifteen students from around Buffalo were partnered with Cheektowaga police officers on a shopping spree at the Target on Walden Avenue Wednesday afternoon.

Each kid was given \$250 to buy whatever their heart desired.

They were also given hats the officers crocheted themselves.

"Watching the look on these children's faces, and even the parents watching them tear up and knowing that maybe these kids weren't going to get gifts under the tree and now because of that reason these children might have one of the best Christmases they've ever had," said Jacob Becker, Blue Bridges Initiative cofounder.

The presents didn't stop at the store: on December 24, the families will be cooked a warm Christmas Eve meal.

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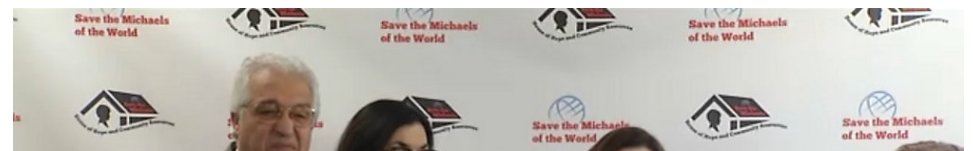
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