



# CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Shop with a Cop helps 45 Local Children

December 11, 2015 - Local stores generously donate to local children in need.

Thanks to generous donations by Cornelius Fred Meyer, Cornelius Walmart, Comcast, the Washington County Police Officer's Association and the Western Washington County Firefighter's Association, underprivileged children enjoyed the opportunity this week to go holiday shopping with Washington County Deputies serving the City of Cornelius.

On December 8 and 9, 2015, a total of 45 local children participated in the annual "Shop with a Cop" program hosted by Cornelius Fred Meyer and Cornelius Walmart. This annual holiday event partners deputies with each child so they may select gifts for their family members. In addition to shopping for their family, each child received wrapped items from their own wish list. Children participating in these events were nominated with the assistance from local schools.



Chief Gene Moss stated, "The goal of this annual event is to not only brighten the holidays for families with limited means, but also provide an opportunity for children to have positive contact with law enforcement." Moss thanked Fred Meyer and Walmart for their ongoing generosity and tireless service to the community of Cornelius adding, "It is with support from these businesses that these children and their families will have much appreciated gifts this holiday season."

"Our Fred Meyer Cornelius employees are so excited to be part of this event," said Fred Meyer Store Director, George Hetu. "We are honored to be the place where the Washington County Sheriff's Office has chosen to bring these kids for this very important event."