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## 2023 “A Child’s Smile” Report

This year's **A Child's Smile** effort provided a Christmas for 1,461 public school and home school children from 690 local families facing difficult times this Christmas. 100% of the \$73,050 received from our generous communities was converted to Walmart gift cards.

We would not be able to have this program without the partnership of the teachers and counselors in 49 of our local schools. The schools select the families in need and ensure that a responsible parent or caregiver in each family receives a \$50 Walmart gift card for each child in their family so they can afford to buy Christmas presents for their children. The number of kids in each school or school district that received a Christmas this year because of the **A Child’s Smile** program is listed at the end of this report. Also listed are the organizations and businesses that partnered with us.

In addition, about \$2,200 worth of both hand knitted and store bought caps and mittens were also donated. They will be dispensed by the schools as needed to the kids who lose them or come to school without warm clothes. Also, about \$2,900 worth of toys, dolls, stuffed animals, and model train sets were also donated that were gifted to kids in need through the schools.

The schools, families, and I express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the partnership and generosity of our communities in **A Child’s Smile**. I wish you could read all the letters of appreciation I have received over the years from schools and families.

I am sending you this report even if you didn’t partner with us this year because the need grows each year, and next year I will again be joining with our communities and local schools to serve as many local families in need as funding will allow.

I realize you have many charitable giving options, but, if you like a program that is local, is for kids, and where 100% of the contributions go to the families, I hope you will consider **A Child's Smile** when Thanksgiving and Christmas, 2024 roll around. Information on the **A Child’s Smile** program can be found at [www.st-olaf.org](http://www.st-olaf.org).

Number of kids provided a Christmas in 2023 by the **A Child’s Smile** program:

# Children

- (147) 71 families Oconomowoc School District (8 schools)  
Includes Ixonia.
- (18) 8 families Stone Bank Elementary School
- (6) 5 families North Lake Elementary School
- (50) 23 families Dousman Elementary School
- (27) 9 families Erin Elementary School
- (99) 35 families Randolph School District (3 schools)
- (97) 35 families Horicon School District (3 schools)
- (51) 34 families Beaver Dam School District (6 schools)
- (22) 10 families Theresa Elementary School
- (34) 10 families Lomira Elementary School
- (21) 12 families Addison Elementary School
- (15) 9 families Allenton Elementary School
- (89) 31 families Hartford Lincoln Elementary School
- (39) 19 families Hartford Rossman Elementary School
- (52) 10 families Hartford Central Middle School
- (51) 19 families Slinger Elementary School
- (36) 15 families Slinger Middle School
- (31) 15 families Slinger High School
- (76) 30 families Herman Neosho Rubicon School District (2 schools)
- (60) 30 families Hustisford School District (2 schools)
- (105) 42 families Dodgeand School District (3 schools) (Clyman,  
Reeseville, Lowell, and Juneau)
- (15) 6 families Lebanon Public Grade School
- (230) 174 families Watertown School District (2 schools)
- (49) 17 home schooling families

The following 2023 donor list was received by every family and school.  
(It does not include the many individual contributors):

St. Olaf Church members	VFW Post 2260 - Oconomowoc
"Sharing God's Love, Caring For Community"	Hustisford State Bank
Our local schools	Basse's Farm Market Colgate
Many caring neighbors in our communities	Dousman-Ottawa Lions Club
St. Olaf Mission Fund	Hystro Industries - Oconomowoc
St. Olaf Women Of Grace	Jim O'Connor Auto – Oconomowoc
St. Olaf Congregation	Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home
Zunker-Held V.F.W. Post - Slinger	Blue Gate Farm – Dousman
Caine Transfer – Lowell & Reeseville	Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly
Ashippun Lions Club	Knights Of Columbus – Hartford
Jewelry Mechanics – Oconomowoc	Neuman Pools - Clyman
Forte Bank – Hartford & Slinger	Viking Bros. Landscaping – Toland
Cooney Insurance Agency – Oconomowoc	Ixonia State Bank
James Herro Insurance – North Lake	Oconomowoc Kiwanis Club
St. John's Christian Mothers – Rubicon	Saga Farm - Ashippun
Hustisford Lions Club	Oconomowoc VFW Auxiliary
Vietnam Veterans Of America Chapter 635	Oconomowoc Rotary Club
Oconomowoc American Legion Post Unit 91	Dousman-Ottawa Lions Club
Hartford Community Service Inc.	Monis Electric - Ashippun
Farmers & Merchants Union Bank – Juneau	Bank Five Nine
Dublin Contractors – Butler	Lake & Country Tire – Okauchee
Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home – Hartford	Neosho Nomads Snowmobile Club
Schneelauffer Snowmobile Club – Stone Bank	Miller Farms – Stone Bank
Okauchee Lions Club	Horicon Bank – Neosho
North Lake Nomads Snowmobile Club	Archie Monument – Watertown
Insight Coop – Mapleton	Hoof Beats Express – Oconomowoc
Cedar Ridge Farm – Ashippun	Harrmann Landscaping – North Lake
Old School Repair – Ashippun	Ashippun Nursery – Ashippun
Ziebell Truck Painting - Germantown	Neosho Rubicon Lions Club
Ewald Automotive Group – Oconomowoc	Walmart – Hartford
Oconomowoc Vietnam Veterans of America Chap. 635	
Waukesha County Snowmobile Assoc.	

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