



A Child's Smile

January 7, 2026

This year's **A Child's Smile** effort provided a Christmas for 1,237 public school and home school children from 671 local families facing difficult times this Christmas. 100% of the \$61,850 received from our generous community organizations, foundations, and individual donors was converted to Walmart gift cards to provide Christmas joy to children from families experiencing difficulties. The children and families are anonymous only known by school counselors.

We would also not be able to have this program without the partnership of the teachers and counselors in 25 of our local school districts and 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 gift this year because of the **A Child's Smile** program are listed below. Also listed are the organizations and businesses that partnered with us.

In addition, about \$1,500 worth of both hand knitted and mittens were also donated. They were dispensed by the schools as needed to the kids who lose them or come to school without warm clothes. Also, about \$750 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**. We wish you could read all the letters of appreciation we have received over the years from schools and families.

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

We 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, we hope you will consider **A Child's Smile** when Thanksgiving and Christmas, 2026 rolls around. More information on the **A Child's Smile** program can be found at www.st-olaf.org. You can also contact Lyn Johnson at farmstone@aol.com or Mark Rutkowski at tworubes@outlook.com.

Number of kids provided a Christmas in 2025 by the **A Child's Smile** program:

Children	Families	School	Children	Families	School
24	11	Allenton	32	12	Home School
53	42	Beaver Dam Unified	68	32	Horicon Elementary
138	90	Dodgeland	75	44	Hustisford
50	25	Dousman Elementary	29	10	Lomira-LES
9	4	Erin	44	16	Mayville
33	15	Hartford - Central MS	102	42	Randolph
37	18	Hartford - Lincoln	61	33	Rossman Elementary
69	26	HNR-Honor	14	7	Slinger Addison

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48	17	Slinger Elementary	25	10	Theresa-TLC
50	24	Slinger High	100	86	Watertown High
25	11	Slinger Middle	12	4	Watertown LEAP
12	7	Stone Bank	50	50	Watertown Middle
63	28	Summit Elementary	14	7	Community

The following 2025 donor list was received by every family and school. (It does not include the many individual contributors):

American Legion Oconomowoc	Lake Country Tire
Ann McGInty Family	Lallemand Animal Nutrition
Ashippun Lions Club	Neosho Nomads Snowmobile Club
Ashippun Nursery	Neosho-Rubicon Lions Club
Bank Five Nine	North Lake Nomads
Basse Farms	Oconomowoc Area Foundation
Breakfast Kiwanis Club	Oconomowoc Kiwanis
Color Ink	Pheasant Run Farm, LLC
Cooney Insurance	Seneca Foods Corporation
Dublin Contractors, Inc	St John's Christian Mothers
Emil Ewald Family Foundation	St Olaf Lutefisk Dinner
Fidelity Brokerage	St Olaf Mission Fund
Fox Brother's Piggly Wiggly	Stifel Investments
Hartford Community Service Inc	VFW Post 2260
Hoof Beats Express LLC	Vietnam Veterans
Hummel Giving Fund	Wagner's Tree Farm
Jewelry Mechanics	Women of Grace
	Zunker-Held VFW Post 3358

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