

PHOENIXVILLE — The Phoenixville Police Association’s “Shop With The Cops” program recently received a \$1,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Phoenixville

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The “Shop With The Cops” program helps selected children from Barkley Elementary School have a brighter holiday season by hosting a shopping spree at the Phoenixville Kmart. This year’s shopping spree is scheduled for Friday.

Cpl. Mike Barrett said the association works with the Phoenixville Area School District to get the names of the children.

“We allow the school to select the names of the children, and we take them to Kmart to let them shop for Christmas,” Barrett said. “We want them to buy things they can enjoy, but lately they’ve been buying necessities such as shoes, socks and clothing.”



The funds for “Shop With The Cops” comes from the Rotary Club, Barto Pool & Spa, and police officer contributions, Barrett said.

“We’ve been doing this for 12 years,” said Barrett. “It first started with seven children, and last year we were close to 40 kids.”

Children arrive at Kmart usually around 3 p.m. and refreshments are supplied.

Once they are finished with the refreshments, the children are assigned to shop with an officer, and have a certain amount of money to spend.

For those interested in making a monetary donation to “Shop With The Cops” Program, send a check to Phoenixville Police Association, 140 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460.