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POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Dalles Police Department partnered up with the Umatilla Sherriff's Office, Pendleton Police Department, and Walmart to bring toys to Columbia Gorge area children.

The idea came from Umatilla County Sherriff's Deputy Mike Elwood's 18 year old daughter, Jasmine. Jasmine overcame bone cancer when she was 16 years old and spearheaded this project after realizing her own community's rallying support while she was going through her cancer treatment. Now that Jasmine is cancer free, she wanted to give back to her community and quickly realized the need for children in difficult positions to feel the magic of Christmas in Oregon and Washington. Her efforts resulted in a successful toy drive and Walmart semi-trailers being filled with toys and delivered to Portland and Spokane area hospitals. The first truck was accompanied by police officers to Portland area pediatric medical facilities and made a stop in The Dalles on December 17th. There will be another delivery to Spokane area pediatric medical facilities in the same fashion on December 23rd. Many toys remained in the Umatilla County area. Walmart donated the services provided by their transportation division.

Jasmine and her family plan on making this an annual tradition to honor Jasmines successful fight against cancer.

The toys in The Dalles are being donated to local area support groups.

