

*Maricopa County Sheriff's Office*  
*Joe Arpaio, Sheriff*  
*News Brief*

News Brief for Thursday, December 9, 2010

**Needy Kids Will Get a Christmas After All  
Thanks to Sheriff's Office**

(Phoenix, AZ) Life may be fairly hard all year long but for one day this time of year, 50 kids from 50 needy families from throughout the county get a real treat courtesy Sheriff Joe Arpaio. They get to go on a shopping spree at a super Walmart with the Sheriff provided they buy gifts, not only for themselves, but for other family members as well.

And according to the Sheriff, who has done this holiday shopping spree for over a decade, that's the toughest part - getting the kids to buy presents for themselves.

"Every year I see these kids filling their carts with gifts for everyone but themselves," Arpaio says. "I've had to remind them to go back and pick something out that they would like to have this year."

The program is funded with \$4,000.00 in gift certificates provided by the Youth Assistance Foundation (YAF), a Sheriff's Office sponsored charity group.

The families and children are chosen by patrol deputies who come across needy kids as they respond to calls for service in the various districts around the county. Transportation to the shopping spree is also done as a courtesy by the deputies.

**Thursday's shopping spree will occur starting at 3PM and end at 5PM at the Super Walmart in Scottsdale, 15355 North Northsight Blvd.**