

WINTER WISH

2023

Thirty-Four years ago, an elementary principal in the Beaumont Unified School District belonged to Soroptimist International-Beaumont. One evening she told her club that she had just discovered that a student and his family were living in their car. She asked for help.

The members hurriedly gathered warm clothing and blankets for the family and because it was nearing the holidays, a few simple toys, and gifts.

Thirty-three years later, the Soroptimist, now joined by the entire community, still serve children through what has become known as the Winter Wish program. The program now assists hundreds of children each year, assuring they receive one article of warm clothing and one gift.

The process begins with a recommendation from a child's teacher, which is forwarded to the Winter Wish committee via a site liaison. Volunteer callers then reach out to the families, asking if they wish to participate. If so, information about the children's sizes, wishes, etc., are gathered at that time.

Community members help fulfill these wishes by selecting a tag, buying item listed on the tag, wrapping, and returning to Winter Wish. In December, parents pick up these gifts, as well as at least two bags of groceries and a \$20 Stater Bros. Gift Card, on a designated date.

Each year teachers and support staff have supported Winter Wish tirelessly and that support is a part of what has made the program so successful.

Thank you so much!



WINTER WISHES
AVAILABLE HERE

**BUY A GIFT FOR A
BEAUMONT SCHOOL
CHILD WHO NEEDS HELP.**

**SELECT A WISH, BUY AND
WRAP THE GIFT, ATTACH
THE ORIGINAL TAG &
RETURN IT HERE BY
DECEMBER 1st.**

****Please Post****

**Please do not combine Clothing & Toy gifts,
each child receives at least 2 packages to
open. One Toy gift & One Clothing gift**