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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Since 1995, Cops for Kids, Inc. has assisted children, seniors, and families that find themselves in unfortunate situations. Through generous donations from local business sponsors and individuals in our community, Cops for Kids has enabled children and seniors to enjoy some of the basic necessities that were not available to them through other agencies. Whether it be transportation costs to school or work, a temporary place to stay for an entire homeless family, clothing, or assistance for educational costs, Cops for Kids is ready to help.

Cops for Kids was created by two Sheriff's department deputies who saw a need to help children at Christmas time. Giving a few disadvantaged children Christmas presents while on routine neighborhood patrols during the holidays has grown into a local organization that now offers those in need a host of services during the holiday season and throughout the year. With low overhead and virtually no red tape, Cops for Kids can respond immediately to children, seniors, and families in need. They are often the local organization called to help because of their ability to quickly and respectfully assist others with emergency funding.



The busiest time of the year for Cops for Kids is still around the holidays, where in 2011 volunteers and Sheriff's deputies in uniform and bearing wrapped gifts delivered holiday cheer to over 300 kids, and with Lake Elsinore Storm Events provided a pancake breakfast, toys and other items including photos with Santa to over 130 more. Qualified children are identified in partnership with the school district and families are told in advance that the visitors will be coming to see them. In areas where experiences with law enforcement may be primarily negative, this is a wonderful way to expose youth to positive interaction with local officers.

Cops for Kids is funded entirely by donations from generous businesses and the public via several events throughout the year. Coming up on May 18, 2012 is the annual golf tournament at the Links at Summerly. Late summer is the annual Fiesta on the Lake fundraiser, and the Chili's in Lake Elsinore does several "Tips for Kids" nights where deputies and other volunteers work alongside servers gathering donations for the organization. Cops for Kids is truly a little organization that makes big things happen. 

[www.copsforkidsinc.org](http://www.copsforkidsinc.org)

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