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**OPERATION SANTA CLAUS 2016**

**G U I D E L I N E S**

**Operation Santa Claus (OSC) is a holiday initiative of the Rotary Club of Northbrook. Our project, which is now in its 26th year, seeks out sponsors to purchase gifts of *new books* for over 1,100 under-privileged, inner-city students from both the Goethe Elementary School (2236 N. Rockwell, Chicago, IL) and the Yeager Elementary School (1811 Morrow Ave., North Chicago, IL). Each sponsor is asked to spend approximately $25 to $30 per child, which usually translates into about 2 to 4 books, with two books being the minimum any child should receive.**

**With the help of their teachers, the Goethe and Yeager children create “wish lists” of specific books (and/or types of books) they would like to receive. Sponsors take these wish lists and use them as a guide when making their purchases. The sponsors then wrap the books in holiday paper, with a gift card completed as follows:**

**To: (child’s name and room number)**

**From: *Santa***

**( over )**

**When the gifts are ready, sponsors either deliver them to our home or contact us by phone or email and we come and pick them up. The deadline is Monday, 11/28/16, which gives us time to make sure that all children have been accounted for, and to deliver the gaily wrapped gifts to the two schools for distribution by Santa before the schools close for winter break.**

**Please note that, if this is convenient for you, there are two advantages to making your book purchases at The Book Bin in downtown Northbrook—free wrapping of your gifts while you wait, plus a percentage of all Operation Santa Claus purchases is donated to the Goethe and Yeager School libraries. In just the past four years that donation has totaled over $1,500.00!**

**Also, if you do not have the time to shop but you still wish to be a part of Operation Santa Claus 2016, donations are always welcome. Checks should be made out to “OPERATION SANTA CLAUS / GARY MORIELLO” (per instructions from our bank).**

**Finally, if you really want to get in on the fun, you are welcome to join us at the schools on either or both distribution days. Be a reindeer or an elf or just a friend, helping to bring the gift of literacy to these most precious children. You will see firsthand how thrilled the children are to receive their gifts. The dates are already set (although they could change, but that is unlikely). Yeager School’s program will be on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016, and Goethe School’s program will be the following THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016. Please let us know if you plan to attend one or both sessions.**

**If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for caring.**