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OPP Charity R.I.D.E. Donations Exceed Expectations

The Lambton OPP Charity R.I.D.E. checkpoint to benefit "Operation Christmas Tree" exceeded all expectations. The generosity of the businesses and community surrounding St Clair Twp. came through in a big way this past weekend to help out the less fortunate at Christmas time.

Close to 800 pounds of can goods and non perishable food items were collected. Over \$600 dollars in cash and 20 unwrapped gifts were also donated.

From 10:00am until 2:00pm, on the 10th of December, 2005, officers from the OPP, the Corunna Community Policing Committee, MADD Sarnia-Lambton and high school students all volunteered their time to assist in operating a charity R.I.D.E checkpoint in the parking lot of the Corunna OPP Detachment. Santa was also their from 10:00am until noon to talk to the kiddies. Children also had their picture taken with Santa. Donors simply drove through the lot, dropping off their donations and then presented with gifts provided by MADD Sarnia Lambton and local businesses as they left the parking lot.

I would like to personally express my thanks to the community and ALL volunteers who did such an awesome job, proving that the meaning of Christmas is still the act of giving.

Special thanks are extended to the following businesses:

Baby G's Pizza (formerly Gerry's Pizza), Corunna Garden Market IGA, Shoppers Drug Mart, Corunna Tim Horton's, Corunna Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell and Antonio's Pizza

It is anticipated that this will become an annual event undertaken by the OPP in St Clair Twp.

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