



JOE LESTER
Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**

Sheriff presents Guardian award to Wal-Mart stores

Sheriff Joe Lester presented the Guardian award Thursday to three Wal-Mart stores for their participation in a program that helped five families this past holiday season.

Lester honored the stores during a presentation at Wal-Mart, 601 12th Ave NE in Norman.

Thanks to a partnership between Wal-Mart, local volunteer fire departments and the Center for Children and Families, Inc., the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office was able to make sure these families could provide presents for their loved ones.

Wal-Mart stores in Moore and Norman donated money towards gift cards. Each family received a gift card and purchased gifts.

CCFI selected families for the event. Deputies and firefighters took the families shopping.

Lester said each of these Wal-Mart stores deserve to be recognized with this award.

"This has life lasting memories for these small children," Lester said. "It will make an impact on their lives growing up."

Tony Rissmann, who manages the store on 12th Avenue NE in Norman, accepted the award from Lester.

"We were just happy to help the community and we look forward to it next year," Rissmann said.

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.