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BANK SUPPORTS ‘SHOP WITH A COP’

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— The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office annual “Shop with a Cop” initiative is taking place this month at area Walmarts. This year marks the 12th anniversary of the program, during which law enforcement officers take students in need on holiday shopping trips.

The program relies on community support, and Charlotte State Bank & Trust recently made a donation through its “Casual for a Cause” program. Every Friday, staff members are asked to donate \$2 for the privilege of wearing jeans to work that day. Funds raised are earmarked for a specific local charity or nonprofit.

Walmart has partnered with the Sheriff’s Office since the beginning of Shop with a Cop, which provides

gift cards to children to purchase gifts for themselves and family members. School counselors select students from grades two through five who meet certain criteria, such as needing to develop positive rapport with law enforcement, or as a reward for having demonstrated sound decision-making and leadership qualities, or because the child has been impacted by a natural disaster or other situation.

The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office recently added 40 photos to an album on its Facebook page: 2016 Shop with a Cop Murdock. Featuring officers, kids and Santa Claus, the photos were taken at the Walmart Supercenter on Murdock Circle in Port Charlotte.

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Lt. Darrell Caparo, District II Commander with the Charlotte’s County Sheriff’s Office, accepts a Shop with a Cop donation from staff members at the Murdock office of Charlotte State Bank & Trust: from left, Tellers Ashley Fickett and Rachel Leone, Personal Banker Amanda Losada and Branch Manager Kim Maddy.

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