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## 2018 Blue Santa is a success



Blue Santa distribution point First Baptist Church La Porte, Volunteers, and gift distribution in action

Left Photo: Posing with Santa, left to right, Payton, John Michael, and Jonah

Right photo: Posing with Chief Ron Parker, left to right, Marcus, Jayden, Jace and Amanda

The 2018 Blue Santa Program represented a collaborative effort between the La Porte Police Department, their Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA), First Baptist Church of La Porte, Corporate Citizens and other private individuals. The Program's primary mission is to provide toys for needy children in the La Porte area, as many families would not have the means to hold traditional Christmas festivities on their own.

As a result of this year's Blue Santa program, the joint La Porte organizations collected over 1,500 new toys. Among the collections, and vast amount of supporters, were substantial toy donations by the Noltex Corporation in La Porte. Such efforts translated into over 917 registered families receiving gifts for local children. In addition to the numerous toys, cash and check donations provided by the La Porte Rotary Club, and other private donors, were collected by the LPCPAAA, Beacon Federal Credit Union, Cook Ford, La Porte Police Department Officers and Staff. Donations were used to purchase additional toys, all of which were distributed to children in need. All in all, the program's annual efforts touch the lives of countless families every year, allowing hundreds of children to experience the joy of Christmas. The Blue Santa Distribution Event was again sponsored and held at the First Baptist Church of La Porte. First Baptist Church



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La Porte provided their Gymnasium for the whole week, so we could prepare and wrap all the gifts for this wonderful program.

Toys were collected at the La Porte City Hall, La Porte Police Department Lobby, La Porte Fitness Center, La Porte EMS facility, La Porte Animal Shelter, Baker 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus, Heritage Elementary, Lomax Junior High, Beacon Federal Credit Union, JSC Federal Credit Union, Shell Credit Union, Amegy Bank, La Porte Kroger, El Ranchero restaurant, Kings BBQ East and West Locations, Dr. Peres Chiropractic, Ed Jones Financial Services, S&S Investigations, Harvey/Rihn Aviation, Fischers Hardware, Dollar General both S. Broadway Locations, Noltex, Frank Nance State Farm, Lynn's Barber Shop, and First Assembly of God.

To view more photos of the event and those who contributed visit the La Porte Police Department's Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/LaPortePoliceDepartment/](http://www.facebook.com/LaPortePoliceDepartment/)

The La Porte Police Department stresses that it is through local teamwork, such as the Blue Santa Program, that all La Porte residents can make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate. For more information on any of La Porte Police Department's community outreach initiatives, including the LPCPAAA, Blue Santa, please contact the Support Services Division at 281-842-3183.