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Media Release

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Re: Timber Pines Holiday Walk Raises Thousands for SHOP WITH A COP Program

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For the 10th year in a row, members the Timber Pines Community Association have outdone themselves in raising money for an extremely worthy cause, the Shop with a Cop Program.

The Shop with a Cop Program is designed to provide economically challenged families an opportunity to purchase gifts for their school-aged children at Christmas. Without this program, many of these children would otherwise go without gifts. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office works directly with representatives from the Hernando County School Board to select the families who will participate in the program.

Each year, Patti Yost, Resident Services Manager at Timber Pines Community Association, sets a goal to raise more money for the Shop with a Cop Program than was raised the year before. This year, Patti and the folks at Timber Pines worked so diligently they more than doubled the amount of funds raised from last year, providing the Hernando County Sheriff's Office with a check in the amount of **\$13,000!**

It is estimated that since the inception of the program in 2006, the Timber Pines Community has donated over \$50,000 to the Shop with a Cop Program, putting smiles on many little faces on Christmas morning.

Over the last five years, Timber Pines has donated, the following amounts:

- 2011 - \$3,350
- 2012 - \$4,110
- 2013 - \$5,100
- 2014 - \$5,785
- 2015 - \$6,400.

Patti couldn't do this by herself though; she had to rally the community! She received help from over 25 sponsors, six Timber Pines clubs, countless Timber Pines residents and many

on-site staff members who donated to make this year's contribution to the Shop with a Cop Program a huge success!

On behalf of the families who participate in this program, Sheriff Al Nienhuis and the men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Patti Yost, all the members of the Timber Pines Community, and to all of the generous sponsors who made this possible.

There are numerous photos of today's event available on the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.