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Salisbury Jaycees

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The Salisbury Jaycees will hold its 38th annual “Children’s Christmas Shopping Tour” for 200 needy children in December. The Salisbury Jaycees Foundation provides money for the presents, and participants are chosen by their schools to participate in the program. Local volunteers will help the children manage their money on the day of the tour. The Jaycees is seeking monetary donations for the tour. Last year the tour was held at the Salisbury Wal-Mart.

Many organizations donate food and clothing for the less fortunate, but the Jaycees put an emphasis on toys because, they said, they feel that toys are what children really enjoy during holidays. The president of the Salisbury Jaycees, David Englehardt, said it is rare that a child is not smiling at the end of the tour. He said it’s heartwarming that children will choose presents for siblings who are not on the tour.

Englehardt said the tour is very beneficial to the community. “It provides an opportunity for many people to come together and help children,” he said. “It's another example of volunteerism in action, where citizens are actively working to help those less fortunate in a way that tends to bring the best out in people.”

The Salisbury Jaycees is looking for donations for the tour. Donations may be sent to Salisbury Jaycees Foundation, P.O. Box 855, Salisbury, Md. 21803.

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**About**

Founded in 1940, the Salisbury Jaycees is the oldest continuously active community service, social and leadership training organization for young professionals in Maryland

**Mission Statement**

“To provide young people the opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service and organizational involvement while expanding the Jaycee movement throughout Wicomico County and Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore.”

**Children’s Christmas Shopping Tour**

In December, the Jaycees holds its annual Children’s Christmas Shopping Tour where 200 needy children are taken shopping for presents. The participants are chosen from their schools and local volunteers help the children handle their money on the day of the tour.

**Members**

The Salisbury Jaycees have nine members on the 2010 Executive Board. The President is David Englehardt and the Chairman of the Board is Bethany Miller.

**Community Projects**

Annual community service projects include the Children’s Christmas Shopping Tour, Treat Street, Salisbury Christmas Parade, Wicomico County Read Across America, Salisbury Super Soap Box Spectacular and Safe Kids Day.

**Social Activities**

The Salisbury Jaycees host annual social activities like Murder Mystery Night and summer crab feast. Throughout the year, members attend Restaurant of the Month outings, happy hours, a weekly trivia contest, movie nights, home socials and a day trips series that has included visits to venues in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

**Salisbury Jaycees Foundation**

The Salisbury Jaycees Foundation is the non-profit affiliate organization of the Salisbury Jaycees and coordinates the fundraising for causes that benefit the lives and opportunities of the youth of Salisbury and the surrounding area. The biggest event the foundation funds is the annual Children’s Christmas Shopping Tour.