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Annual Report

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Santa Cops 2003 in Review

In 2003 the citizens of Larimer County continued to amaze all of us associated with Santa Cops of Larimer County. When our county continued to experience a high rate of unemployment, our citizens came forward to help those in need at Christmas time. We received donations from thousands of private citizens, small businesses, and large corporate partners. Additionally, several families wanted dearly departed loved ones remembered by making donations in their name. These monetary donations totaled over \$27,000. Numerous businesses, school classes, scout troops, and private citizens held toy drives to collect toys for the less fortunate children of Larimer County. Thousands of hours were donated to assist us with purchasing, sorting, and wrapping gifts. Larimer County inmates were excited to stuff small toys and treats purchased by Santa Cops into over 2000 gift bags to give to children throughout our community.

Many wonderful citizens of Larimer County made baked goods and craft items for our annual craft and bake sales. Along with these items, the Larimer County Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Unit provided us with many wonderful items to sell. The quality of these items was truly amazing. Over \$10,000 was raised at the six craft and bake sales.

Additionally, the citizens of Larimer County donated many wonderful items for our Annual Sundance Country Christmas Auction that was held on December 7, 2003. Over \$9,800 was raised from these generous donations.

Without the help of the Colorado State Patrol, CSU Police Department, Fort Collins Police Services, Loveland Police Department, Loveland Police Senior Volunteers, Larimer County Sheriff's Posse, Larimer County Sheriff's Reserves, Larimer County Search and Rescue, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, and many others we would not have been able to get all these gifts delivered in record time. By 1:00 p.m. on December 20, 2003, all gifts were on their way to be delivered to anxiously awaiting children.

We would like to thank everyone that helped make our 2003 season a success. Without each and every individual, small business, large corporation, school class, and scout troop this success would not have been possible.

This past year we welcomed several new board members. Our organization has already benefited from their new innovative ideas and high level of enthusiasm. With the help of these new members we hope to finally realize our goal of computerizing our application process. We look forward to the 2004 season.

Dawn Johnsen and Betsey Nail
2003 Co-Chairs
Santa Cops of Larimer County

Santa Cops Team Members



Members:

Back: Randine, Tim, Betsey, Dawn, John, Tim, Kathy, Joe

Front: Stephanie, Sharolyn, Melissa, Wanda, Esther, Vicki, Jen, Kim, Dianna



2003 Co-Chairs
Betsey Nail/Dawn Johnsen



2004 Co-Chairs
Tim Maestas and Tim Brown

Board Members



Dawn Johnsen
Co-Chair
Fort Collins Police Services
Years on Santa Cops: 14



Betsey Nail
Co-Chair
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Years on Santa Cops: 17



Wanda Soares
Secretary
Fort Collins Police Services
Years on Santa Cops: 5



Kathy Louderback
Touchstone Property
Years on Santa Cops: 18



Esther Pritchard
Fort Collins Police Services
Years on Santa Cops: 3



Laurie Stolen
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Years on Santa Cops: 4



Stephanie Gundry
Fort Collins Police Services
Years on Santa Cops: 2



Dana Hersh
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Years on Santa Cops: 18



Randine Nelson
Fort Collins Police Services
Years on Santa Cops: 5



Tere Thomas
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Years on Santa Cops: 13



Melissa Lannon
Fort Collins Police Services
Years on Santa Cops: New
2004



Sheila Davidson
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Years on Santa Cops: 18



Darren Martinez
CSU Police Department
Years on Santa Cops: 3



Dianna Veneer
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Years on Santa Cops: New 2004



Tim Brown
Loveland Police Department
Years on Santa Cops: 8



John Johnsen
Retired
Years on Santa Cops: 3



Vicki Ott
Loveland Senior Police
Volunteers
Years on Santa Cops: 8



Sharolyn Howard
Colorado State Patrol
Years on Santa Cops: New
2004



Doris Butler
Loveland Police Department
Volunteer
Years on Santa Cops: 8



Joe Lesnak
Colorado State Patrol
Years on Santa Cops: 7



Jen Metzler
Loveland Police Department
Years on Santa Cops: New to
2004



Tim Maestas
Colorado State Patrol
Years on Santa Cops: 5



Kim Pals
Loveland Police Department
Years on Santa Cops: 1

Background Information

Santa Cops of Larimer County is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide a Christmas for children who would not otherwise have one. Since 1986, local law enforcement agencies and local businesses have joined together with our community to provide needy Larimer County families with a Merry Christmas. Santa Cops is strictly a volunteer organization in which all donations go to the children.

The names of our recipients come from churches, schools, Human Services and other community based organizations. Many of the names come from police officers observing families in need of assistance. The officers carry packets in their cars to sign-up these families they feel need an extra boost. We advertise via our wonderful media partners, the radio stations, for toys. These promotional efforts start the Friday after Thanksgiving for specific toys needed to fill our requests. The request may be for a basketball, football, tinker toys, Barbie dolls and so forth. Once the toys are donated at the drop-off points or law enforcement agencies, they are collected, sorted, and wrapped. We sort and wrap by zip code so the officers can deliver more easily on Santa Cops Delivery Day. A uniformed officer delivers the toys on this day. If a family member is not home, then a card is left on how they may pick-up their gifts at a later time. At times we have had a few incidents where applications are entered in more than once for the same family. Usually, it can be a grandmother who signs up her grand children and a mother who does the same. We cross-reference our applications so there is not any accidental duplication.

In 2003, Santa Cops brought Christmas joy to over 1,457 families and 3,866 children. The law enforcement agencies involved include: the Colorado State Patrol, Colorado State University Police Department, Fort Collins Police Services, Larimer County Sheriffs' Office and Loveland Police Department as well as many private individuals, corporate sponsors and area businesses. All the agencies have united to work together to promote this annual event for the good of the children of Larimer County.

Santa Cops is a year-round organization. We have a niche for everyone and their special talents. Volunteers can help in a variety of ways throughout the year. We need assistance with fundraisers such as the Santa Cops Auction held at the Sundance Steakhouse that features country music, children's prices, a delicious BBQ luncheon, and wonderful auction items. Santa Cops needs people to make toys and clothes for dolls. Also, volunteer time is needed throughout the year, especially at our wrap nights.

The program involves more than receiving toys at Christmas. It provides kids positive interactions with Law Enforcement officers. This pleasant and enjoyable experience creates a positive interaction. At times, the only experience the children have had with law enforcement was when they were in an accident or witnessed the police arrest a member of their family. It is important that children experience Law Enforcement Officers as people who care about and help other people.

Some of our best volunteers are previous recipients of toys at Christmas. They may have been out of work or going through a difficult time. When they get back on their feet, they often return to donate toys, money, or their services in future years. This is a great

opportunity to teach your children the spirit of Christmas. They learn what Christmas is by giving to others. Children enjoy shopping for other children their own age. It teaches them the importance of community service and caring about others.

We ask for assistance from many different companies as evidenced by the many varied listings in our brochure. Santa Cops has limited funds available. We appeal to businesses, individuals and organization for donations to our worthy cause. These children may not have a Merry Christmas without us. Your contributions of cash, toys or your time and talent would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at Christmas if not before.

If you have any questions, please call Betsey Nail at (970) 498-5132.

Santa Cops Committee Tasks

Applications

- Revise application as needed
- Distribute applications to appropriate drop off points, to include House of Neighborly Services, Department of Human Services and both school districts.
- Check received applications for duplication and completion
- Copy application – color by zip code
- Insure application copies are available for each wrapping night
- After delivery day, attach returned color copies to originals

Auction

- Confirm date/time of auction
- Produce Flyers and have circulated
- Procure auction items
- Group items into packages
- Print brochure listing auction items
- Organize & assign tasks for the event

Building

- Information not available at time of print

Christmas Craft/Bake Sale

- Establish date/time/location
- Acquire permission for date/location for event
- Revise flier
- Distribute fliers
- Do work order for tables/chairs
- Price craft items
- Set up work schedule
- Set up change/cash box
- Set-up & clean-up

Drop Off locations/boxes

- Confirm all old and new drop off locations via phone or in person
 - Maintain a current list of locations, contact names, addresses, phone numbers and description of setup used
 - We now primarily use the Rubbermaid tubs
- Revise & order posters if needed
- Divide drop off locations among volunteers & members for pickup
 - This is done now by the person assigned to sorting on wrap night
 - This is done by the person responsible for the drop off site
- Dispose of used items to another source—such as Habitat or Nightwalker

- Responsible for tracking all giving trees
- In the future, this committee may be responsible for returning all setup materials to the wrapping location and preparing them for storage.

Publicity

- Supply media with Santa Cops general information
- Supply information of upcoming events to media
- Annual Report
- Brochure

Shopping

- Purchase toys/gifts throughout the year
- Insure gifts/toys are stocked for each wrapping night

Summer Craft/Bake Etc. Sale

- Set date & time for bake sale
- Acquire permission for event
- Revise flyers
- Distribute flyers
- Establish menu
- Do work order for tables/chairs
- Set-up schedule for workers
- Procure food supplies either by donation or purchase
- Price craft sale items
- Set-up & Clean-up
- Set up change/cash box

Wrapping

- Revise wrapping instructions
- Revise checking instructions
- Confirm that there are adequate supplies (scissors, tape, tags, bags & wrapping paper)
- Recruit volunteer(s) to get wrapping paper donated (K-mart, Target etc.)
- Confirm the date to move to wrapping location
- Obtain keys for each agency
- Coordinate the move from storage to wrapping location with ASU and other volunteers
- Schedule date to organize wrapping area
- Enlist volunteers to help organize wrapping area
- Organize backstock area
- Keep toys/gifts on tables neat & stocked

Sort and Pack

- Confirm the date to move to wrapping location

- Coordinate the move from storage to wrapping location with ASU and other volunteers
- Coordinate the pack up of remaining toys and supplies to move to storage unit

Delivery Day

- Breakfast
- Insure we have adequate supplies—cups, plates, napkins, forks, etc.
- Procure food items by donation/purchase
- Order necessary items
- Pick up supplies
- Set up area
- Delivery
- Schedule Santa's & wagons
- Devise a strategic & orderly plan to get delivery bags out of the building to the delivery vehicles
- Revise system to get undelivered bags & signed delivered application back—if revision is needed
- Recruit additional volunteers
- Assign tasks
- Revise Officer Instructions
- Revise "Sorry We Missed You" sheet

Supporters from 2003 Santa Cops Auction

People who contributed to the Auction (*many were also anonymous*)

Almosta Merc.
Black Steer
Blockbuster Video
Bohl Chiropractic Center
Braun's Bar & Grill
Bunyan Beach Tanning
Butch Cassidy Club
Butler, Doris
CSU Athletics
Canino's Italian Restaurant
Carl's Jr.
Country Inn & Suites
Cracker Barrel
Current
Custom Gold Works
Diamonds & Toads
Emmerling, Debi
Europa
Ferrin, Janet
Flowerdew, Terri
Fossil Creek Nursery
Fort Collins Marriott
Frank, Lori
Good Times
Gordon, Cindy
Habitat
Hamby, Audrey
Handy Work Mechanics
Hobby Lobby
Hobnob Tea Room
IDS Homes
Indian Motorcycle
Java Lounge
Johnson's Corner
Josey, Irene
Kennymore's, The
L & M Garden Center
LCSO Alternative Sentencing
Legacies
Little Tokyo Japanese Grill
McKee Thrift
Miss Attie's Tearoom
Mitchell, Gerry & Sarah
Moo Doo School of Colorado
Not Just Gyros
Ott, Vicki (TB)
Outback Steakhouse
Panino's Restaurant
Parry, John
Peg's Doll Orphanage
Pierson, Mike and Tom Lynch
Pinache Elite Salon, The
Poppenweimer, Mike
Qdoba
Ramada Inn
Red Robin Burger & Spirits
Rialto Theatre
Robinson's, The
Rock'n Country Auctions
Sharon's
True, Phil & Judy
University Park Holdiay Inn
Victoria's Images
Vosmera, Kathy
Young, Pat

Applications Processed in 2003 Compared to 1999-2002

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Total Number of Applications;	1457	1417	1408	1144	1009
"For Delivery Day" Applications;	n/a	n/a	1341	n/a	n/a
"Second Chance Day" Applications;	n/a	n/a	67	n/a	n/a
Total Number of Children Served	3866	4136	3728	3069	2650

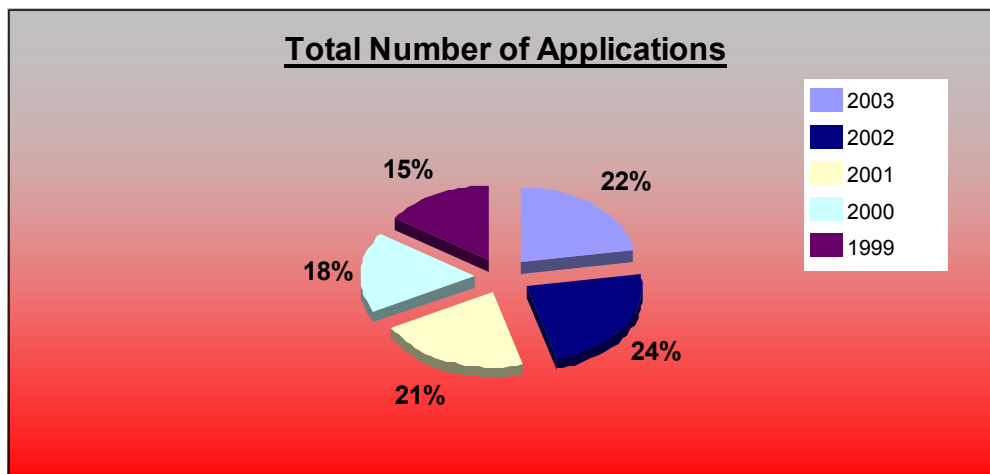


Figure 1

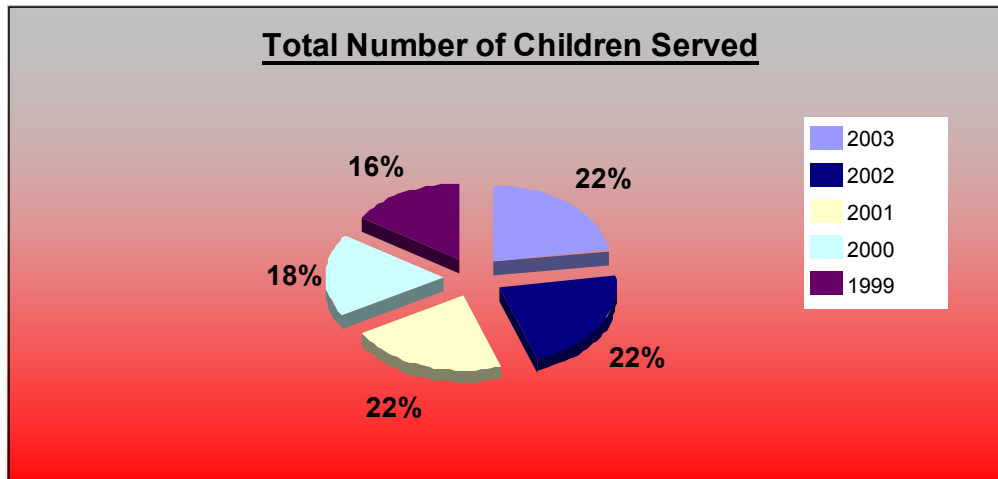


Figure 2

Breakdown of Children's Ages - 2003

Age	2003	Age	2002	Age	2001	Age	2000	Age	1999
0	230	0	225	0	183	0		0	139
1	199	1	206	1	218	1	185	1	144
2	236	2	304	2	257	2	172	2	163
3	301	3	299	3	251	3	195	3	156
4	303	4	327	4	261	4	201	4	183
5	258	5	278	5	252	5	213	5	168
6	233	6	253	6	234	6	221	6	188
7	239	7	283	7	270	7	210	7	192
8	259	8	280	8	247	8	215	8	173
9	249	9	253	9	236	9	236	9	171
10	264	10	271	10	242	10	204	10	183
11	214	11	229	11	226	11	196	11	183
12	267	12	218	12	214	12	175	12	150
13	192	13	204	13	179	13	162	13	109
14	192	14	215	14	156	14	150	14	103
15	164	15	137	15	122	15	103	15	94
16	64	16	77	16	90	16	101	16	92
17	0	17	57	17	66	17	83	17	42
18	0	18	20	18	24	18	47	18	20

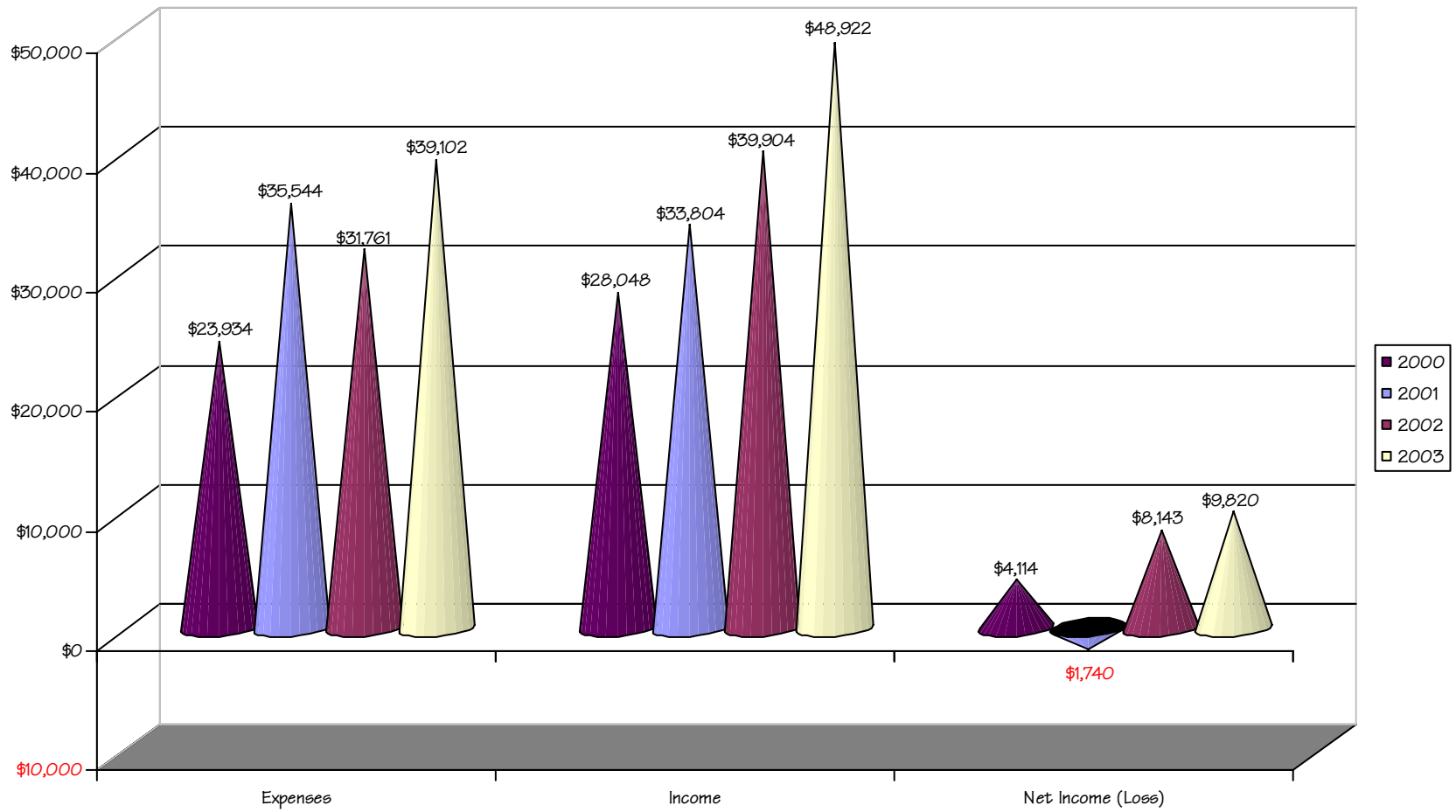


Santa Cops Year to Year Fiscal Comparison

EXPENSES	2003	2002	2001	2000
Food	\$82.97	\$0	\$69.98	\$42.35
Fundraiser Costs	\$71.49	\$85.41	\$122.90	\$14.95
Equipment Rentals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gifts	\$129.53	\$48.98	\$178.60	\$794.35
License, Permits, etc.	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$145.94	\$516.05	\$271.29	\$99.76
Office Supplies	\$189.95	\$27.32	n/a	n/a
Operating Expenses	\$1011.43	\$1,166.94	\$892.64	\$813.82
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.99
Printing (apps/annual report)	\$208.80	\$257.78	\$582.77	\$292.17
Storage Unit	\$2052.00	\$1,689.76	\$1,091.51	\$340.00
Supplies	\$603.92	\$0	\$0	\$120.89
Toys & Gifts for Kids	\$33770.95	\$25,919.02	\$31,000.28	\$20,678.69
Vehicle Gas (rental truck)	\$19.00	\$57.00	\$21.77	\$0
Wooden Toy Supplies	\$790.74	\$1,967.49	\$1,287.55	\$736.35
Total Expenses	\$39,101.72	\$31,760.75	\$35,544.29	\$23,934.32
INCOME				
Donation Income	\$27,315.26	\$18,541.38	\$14,201.74	\$14,642.57
Fundraisers Income	\$20,935.57	\$20,520.36	\$18,725.69	\$12,280.28
Sales Income	\$671.00	\$842.00	\$877.00	\$1,125.42
Total Income	\$48,921.83	\$39,903.74	\$33,804.43	\$28,048.27
YEARLY TOTALS				
Total Income	\$48,921.83	\$39,903.74	\$33,804.43	\$28,048.27
Total Expenses	\$39,101.72	\$31,760.75	\$35,544.29	\$23,934.32
Net Income	\$9,820.11	\$8,142.99	(\$1,739.86)	\$4,113.95

Figure 2

Budget Comparison



ABOVE AND BEYOND



VOLUNTEERS

Doris Butler

Age: 69

Occupation: Volunteer with the Loveland Senior Police Volunteer Program

Family: Two grown children, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Her husband died in 1999.

Years in Loveland: 32



Reporter-Herald/RJ SANGOSTI
Doris Butler sits at the front desk at the Loveland Police Department. She has volunteered for the police department for eight years.

VOLUNTEER DORIS BUTLER GIVES ALL IN ANY TASK

BY JANET THAYER
Reporter-Herald Staff Writer

Doris Butler's "baby" delivers joyful shouts, delightful squeals and lasting smiles.

As a member of the Loveland Senior Police Volunteer Program, Doris has been involved in many activities that help out the police department.

But one volunteer effort stands out for her — her work with Santa Cops.

"That's my baby," Doris said. "That's my pride and joy."

Under the Santa Cops program, local law enforcement agencies work together to provide Christmas gifts to needy families.

"I grew up rather poor," said Doris, who was born and raised in Wyoming. "In this time, I know there are a lot of people who don't have very much and I have a lot. I'm so blessed. To give back and see the look on some of the kids' faces ... it's worth a million bucks."

Doris has been involved with Santa Cops since she joined the Loveland Senior Police Volunteer Program in 1996.

"One year, I got to go along with the officers when they made the deliveries," she said, her voice tinged with excitement. "To see the look in the little kids' eyes, you just can't beat it. It just makes those kids' day."

Doris learned about the Senior Volunteer Police Program after retiring as a licensed practical nurse about five years ago.

While working as a nurse in a Salida hospital, Doris became certified as an emergency medical technician and became acquainted with many of the police officers and firefighters who would visit the hospital in the course of their work.

"I was always so impressed with the way they do their jobs and the knowledge they have," she said.

So it seemed a natural path that Doris would venture into a volunteer position in the law enforcement field.

An advertisement in the newspaper looking for volunteers with the Loveland Senior Police Volunteer Program caught Doris' attention. She responded, and she's been with the program

ever since.

"I've not regretted one minute of it," she said. "It's been a great time. I've met lots of wonderful people."

In addition to Santa Cops, Doris works at the front desk of the Loveland Police Department, helping with records, making copies and directing people to the proper areas, among other duties.

"She's just such an ambitious and positive person," said Elizabeth Markham, one of the liaisons from the police department to the Senior Volunteer Program. "She is so devoted to whatever task she's given. She always gives 100 percent or better."

Markham said whether it's helping with police department records or organizing bake sales to raise money for Santa Cops, Doris' dedication goes above and beyond what is expected.

"Not only that, but she has such a wonderful personality," Markham said. "There's no stopping our little Doris."

But for Doris, slowing down after retirement was never in

her plans.

"Oh, good Lord, no," she laughed. "You sit down in that rocking chair too long and you're not around very long. I've got to keep busy."

In addition to her volunteer duties, Doris is a familiar face at Loveland's Sweetheart Lanes, bowling. Not only does she participate in the sport, she is also active in the Loveland Women's Bowling Association. In 2000, she was added to the Loveland Women's Bowling Association and the Loveland Bowling Association hall of fame.

"I like the camaraderie and seeing if I can knock all 10 of them down," she smiled and added, "which doesn't happen too often."

But the sport she enjoys so much became intensely serious one December afternoon in 1998.

Butler was bowling in a mixed seniors league with her friend Wayne Kline. After throwing the ball and knocking down all but the 10-pin, Kline walked back to his seat and collapsed on the floor, falling face down.

Doris quickly hollered for

help, bent down over her friend and started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Harold Wagner, the son of a woman in the league, performed chest compressions.

Paramedics soon arrived, and Kline made it to McKee Medical Center in serious, but stable, condition. People called her a hero after the incident, but Doris disagreed, saying only that she just happened to be there.

"Wayne is still bowling with us on Wednesday afternoons," she said. "At the time, it was scary. I just thank God I was there and I had the training."

Kline gives Doris a little more credit. "She's a jewel in my book," he said.

For her role in helping Kline, Doris received a lifesaving award from the Police Department. The plaque hangs on a wall in Doris' home.

Earlier this year, she received another recognition from the Police Department for being an outstanding volunteer.

She quickly downplays any assertion that the group is lucky to have her as a volunteer.

"Oh no," Doris said. "I'm lucky to be in the group."

2004 Events Schedule

EVENT	DATE
* Loveland Summer Craft/Bake Sale	July 13
* Fort Collins Summer Craft/Bake Sale (Courthouse)	July 14
* LSCO Summer Craft/Bake Sale	July 15
* Applications Available	Oct 1
* Distribute Drop Boxes	Nov 19
* Wrapping Begins	Nov 29
* Loveland Winter Craft/Bake Sale	TBA
* Fort Collins Winter Craft/Bake Sale	TBA
* LSCO Winter Craft/Bake Sale	TBA
* Sundance Auction	Dec 5
* Application Deadline	Dec 11
* Final Prep Day	Dec 17
* Delivery Day	Dec 18

AGENCY WRAPPING NIGHTS

* Monday	FCPS
* Tuesday	CSUPD/CSP
* Wednesday	LSCO
* Thursday	LPD

Thank You's



Santa Claus,
 Thank you for making our Christmas
 a good one. We appreciate it, because some
 of us were not able to go home for Christmas.
 Thank you again.

Annika Johnson

~~Thank you for everything~~

Thank you for everything
 -Betty Fisher-

Jessie Cody Hosking
 Anna Kinner

Santa Claus,

Thank you for helping
 us to give the children
 a great Christmas this
 year. Have a great holiday

Sincerely,

Jennifer Amara



Dear Santa Claus, Thank you
 for the things from your
 friend Uriah



God Bless America

Pictures



