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Utah National Guard's Sub-for-Santa Program Conducts Shopping Spree with Goldman Sachs Donation

SALT LAKE CITY – For the fifth year in a row, Utah National Guard staff and volunteers conducted a shopping spree Dec. 11 at the Walmart Supercenter, 350 Hope Avenue, in Salt Lake City, for children's gifts with a substantial donation made by Goldman Sachs to the Sub-for-Santa program.

Donations from private citizens and organizations like this ensure a more meaningful Christmas for military families in Utah who have indicated a need for support this year. As of Dec. 11, the Utah Guard Family Support Services office projects helping about 300 children during the holidays.

The Utah Guard Sub-for-Santa program was originated in 2003 after community members recognized the sacrifices that our Utah servicemembers were performing. The intent of the effort was to give back to military families with deployed members and who were in need.

Last year, the Sub-for-Santa program assisted nearly 400 children. While this program specifically assists those dependents of our Utah military who might go without during a holiday season, the program does accept gifts intended for parents or entire families.

Sub for Santa is dedicated to helping people who cannot help themselves. An application process verifies that we help those who need it most. Applicants are also given the tools and resources with learning opportunities to help them better manage their money, time, and talents from a Family Assistance Center.

For more information about how to assist the Utah National Guard's Sub-for-Santa program, please contact Laci Warby at (801) 432-4522.

Photos of the event can be found at the following link: bit.ly/1hPMzga