



## POLK COUNTY PRESS RELEASE

### Record-Breaking Success: Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project Spreads Joy to Over 1,000 Families

Over 1,000 families and nearly 2,900 children in Polk County experienced a brighter Christmas thanks to the overwhelming success of the 2024 Adopt-a-Family Christmas project. The distribution day, held at the Polk County Fair and Events Center on December 18, was made possible by the tireless efforts of over 200 community and agency volunteers.

"The Adopt-a-Family Christmas project is a testament to the generosity and compassion of our community," said Brent DeMoe, Polk County Family and Community Outreach Director. "We're grateful for the contributions from our partners and volunteers, which helped make this year's event the largest ever."

Over one-third of the families served were "adopted" by residents and businesses. The remainder were served by gift donations and nearly \$30,000 in cash from the Willamette Health Council, Oregon State Credit Union, White Oak Construction, the Monmouth/Independence Grinch, and many other generous businesses, individuals, and organizations across Polk County. Polk County has been organizing this event for over 20 years, and this year's success marks a new milestone.



*\*Thank you cards from families*

