

A Christmas Story

On December 18th of 2018, the JROTC Iron Horse Battalion made a difference in lives of needful families. We took 10 children and their families from the little railroad preschool to Walmart, fundraising through bake sales earned us \$500 to give each student \$50. It took lots of planning to make this miracle happen.

Each family had two cadets, one to help them look for toys and the other to watch over the finances. From there they were taken to the toy aisle. It was very heartwarming to see the children's faces as they ran into the toy sections, smiles of joy and laughter when choosing out the toys of their personal choice. It felt great to know that all the money that our Battalion raised was for a good cause.

We received some amazing comments from teachers and parents, which inspired us to continue this event. Many of them said we should continue to do this event every year. They appreciated the time we so happily volunteered. At the end we even made one of the family members cry tears of joy. She said that she was very grateful to experience this with her granddaughter. We saw this opportunity to create a magical Christmas for our younger railroaders with extreme success, the cashiers were astonished that young motivated students like ourselves were willing to put forth so much effort