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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL DELIVER HOLIDAY CHEER TO THE PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL RECREATION WINTER CAMP STUDENTS THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

[Springfield, IL] The Springfield Park District Police Department's Officers will be at Erin's Pavilion in Southwind Park this Friday, December 22nd at 1pm to surprise the Park District Special Recreation Winter Camp students with a delivery of donated toys from the Officers. This Winter Camp is the Park District's all-inclusive camp for children who are out of school for Winter Break and focuses on persons with disabilities, programming for their needs as well as being "all-inclusive" by integrating children of all abilities to learn and play together.

Each year, Park District Police Chief Laimutis "Limey" Nargelenas organizes his Officers to collect donated toys from businesses around Springfield. They store these donations throughout the fall and make plans with Annette Reese, Special Recreation Program Supervisor at Erin's Pavilion to visit the Winter Camp students.

This visit from the Officers to our special needs students has fostered great joy with the children and continues a long-standing mentoring program which includes a variety of field trips and visits from our Police to several of the Special Recreation Programs throughout the summer, fall and winter.

We hope you will either stop by to see for yourselves or make plans to spread the word about the great deeds of this event!

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For more information on this event and others going on within the Springfield Park District, please visit our website at www.springfieldparks.org.

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