

"It was an honor to be a part of your Kiwanis Christmas in August event as a member of the Crewe of De Soto. I was truly moved. "

Clifford Hulsart  
De Soto Crewe Member  
Christmas in August Supporter



## News & Updates

**In this Update:** Over 100 Partners, Bank of America Big Support, Warming The Heart, Gift Cards Make Difference, Dental Exam Support, Bike Safety and Sponsors.

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## Over 100 Partners Support Students Through Christmas in August

More than 100 *Christmas in August* partners provided time, energy, effort, in-kind contributions, sponsorships and professional skill, expertise and caring. A comprehensive community team effort to assist students most in need.

### Thank You!

Amarylis Marketing, Anna Maria Island Kiwanis Club, Armstrong Bros. Plumbing, Art Center Manatee, Bailes Consulting Services, Bank of America, Beall's, Blessing Bags Project, Big Brothers Big Sisters Suncoast, Booker High School Key Club, Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs Manatee, Braden River High School Key Club, Bradenton Christian Key Club, Bradenton Fire Department, Bradenton Herald, Bradenton Kiwanis Club, Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation, Bradenton Police Department, The Bradenton Times, Cares Outreach Network, Karen Carpenter, Centerstone, Career Source Suncoast, Christ Episcopal Church, Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, Early Learning Coalition, Easter Seals, Family Network on Disabilities, Family Nutrition Program, Family Partnership Center, Feeding Empty Little Tummies, Florida Department of Health Manatee, Food Bank of Manatee, Gold Coast Eagle Distributing, Goodwill, Elaine Graham, Maxwell E. Grablin Memorial Fund, Charlie Hackney, Hancock Whitney Bank, Healthy Teens Coalition, Hear Care Connection, Hernando Desoto Crewe, Hope Family Services, Humane Society of Manatee County, In Focus Eye Care, Johnson Photolmaging, Junior League of Manatee County, LECOM, LECOM



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Photo courtesy of Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. *Christmas in August* Co-Chair, Linda Agresta takes a moment to meet with the Healthy Teens Coalition. Healthy Teens Coalition was one of over 100 community partners supporting homeless students through Bradenton Kiwanis's *Christmas in August* program.

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## Bank of America Big Impact

Bank of America provided generous and outstanding support of Bradenton Kiwanis's 2018 *Christmas in August* program. Bank of America sponsored *Christmas in August* at the \$1,000 Supporter level in addition to providing numerous car loads of donated school supplies collected by Bank of America employees. Bank of America employees also volunteered their support during the *Christmas in August* set up/preparation day.



A special thank you to Jamie Kahns, Mike McCoy and Cindy Mitchell for your leadership, support and generosity.

*Kiwanis members believe it is essential to prepare our neediest students for the first day of the new school year. Sponsorships help local homeless students begin the school year with backpacks, books, along with medical, dental, hearing and vision exams.*

Photo courtesy of Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. Bank of America team provided over 30 people to support *Christmas in August*. Kiwanis Club member Mike McCoy is directly under the "A" in Christmas in the photo banner.

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## *Christmas in August Warms the Heart*

Once again the Bradenton Christian School's Key Club members provided incredible face painting for the *Christmas in August* participants.

"It warms my heart to see the smiles on the faces of our Christmas in August kids."

Linda Agresta, Co-Chair  
*Christmas in August*

Photo Courtesy of Dr. Carol Probstfeld. A *Christmas in August* participant enjoys face painting thanks to Bradenton Christian School Key Club.



## *Gift Cards A Tremendous Help*

In addition to school supplies, Bealls gift cards to purchase clothing and Payless Shoes gift cards to purchase shoes are distributed to the parents of the *Christmas in August* participants.

"We want to give our neediest children an equal shot at being prepared for the first day of school."

Tom Moseley  
Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation  
Bradenton Kiwanis Club Past President  
2010 Chairman, *Christmas in August* (First Chairman)

Photo Courtesy of Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. L-R Tom Seguin, Tom Moseley and Charlie Hackney distributed gift cards to *Christmas in August* participants.



## *Dental Exams*

Dr. Steve Tinsworth, a local Orthodontist, past Bradenton Kiwanis Club President and current Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation Chairman was instrumental in arranging the dental services team that supported *Christmas in August* students. Dr. Tinsworth, serves as clinical orthodontic consultant at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) School of Dental Medicine, and annually recruits LECOM dental students to assist with the exams.



Photo courtesy of Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. Dr. Tinsworth (green tee shirt) with LECOM



## Bike Safety

Bike safety tips along with a bike helmet was given to students by West Manatee Fire Rescue's Rodney Kwiatkowski.

"Kiwanis *Christmas in August*, 2018, was a wonderful day to support the students of Manatee County. Thank you, Kiwanis and all the partnering agencies who participated!"

Rodney Kwiatkowski  
Fire Inspector  
West Manatee Fire Rescue



Photo courtesy of Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. Fire Inspector Rodney Kwiatkowski fits a *Christmas in August* participant with a bike helmet.



*Thank You for Making a Difference Through Christmas in August!*

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