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Whitfield County, GA - The Whitfield County Fire Department (WCFD) joined forces with the Dalton Shriners for the 7th annual Boot Drive for Kids, an initiative that exemplifies the power of community collaboration and compassion. This year, \$27,000 was raised to put towards the “Santa-In-Uniform” program and a children’s burn unit in Ohio.

Over the course of this event, members of the WCFD and the dedicated Dalton Shriners volunteered time to collect donations from motorists, pedestrians, and other passersby at five of the busiest intersections in Whitfield County. All with the shared goal of these raising funds. The partnership, formed in 2016, is a remarkable commitment to making a difference in the lives of children and families.

The Dalton Shriners, an organization characterized by brotherhood, have consistently demonstrated their dedication to serving the community and commitment to providing care and support for children and families facing adversity. Jerry Leonard, member and past president of the club shared, "We've raised well over \$325,000 for the hospital since we have been doing this. This is really an amazing thing."

"Santa-In-Uniform" is a program that provides children with a unique opportunity to create memorable shopping experiences alongside local heroes in public safety.

For more information on the Whitfield County Fire Department please visit:
<https://www.whitfieldcountyga.com/fire/fire.htm>