

TO OUR BARNEGAT FAMILY

*Happy Holidays*



*If you want to experience the true meaning of Christmas, give something to someone who can offer nothing in return. ~Toni Sorenson*

The season of gratitude is upon us! It's the most magical time of year when the Barnegat community comes together to make the holidays special for those who are less fortunate. The planning and preparation begin at the end of September and continues throughout December. This enormous undertaking would not be possible without the dedication of our generous, caring, and compassionate staff and community.

Your donations provided 140 families including 406 children with presents for the holidays!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make the holidays brighter for our Barnegat families! A special thank you to Mrs. Michele Cucinotta, District Drug-Free Community Coordinator, for her unending efforts in organizing, collecting, and distributing gifts to our families in need! Our Barnegat family has helped us show the true spirit of the season!

*It's the most wonderful time of the year!*



WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!

*May your Days be Merry and Bright!*

*In the eyes of children, we find the joy of Christmas. In their hearts, we find its meaning. ~Leland Thomas*

### 2022 Holiday Highlights:



The Barnegat Township Police Department held its Annual Toy Drive. Officers collected toys from local businesses, delivered, and sorted them for distribution to the individual schools. Monetary donations were also made by the officers to each school in the district.



The Barnegat Rotary Elf Program adopted 25 families. The BHS Interact Club, along with students from Mr. Peters and Mr. Simmler's classes, assisted the Rotarians with shopping for gifts at Target for 77 children.



ManaFirkin Brewing Co. provided 20 families with a special toy for 63 children from their giving tree.



Family Promise of Southern Ocean County adopted seven families.



Stewart Title Company adopted four families.



The Waretown United Methodist Church adopted eight families and provided three families with holiday meals.



The Heritage Bay Book Club donated 31 pairs of pajamas to keep our children warm at night.



A student and her 4-H Club adopted a family for the holidays.



Seacrest Pines community members adopted two families and provided gift cards to Walmart and Acme.



Pheasant Run community members adopted two families.



The Sea Breeze at Lacey community adopted three families.



Ten Barnegat families each adopted a family and provided them with gifts.



District schools held Jeans Day fundraisers to support our families in need. 75 families were adopted between the six schools.



WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A SEASON FULL OF LIGHT AND LAUGHTER!

# *It's the Happiest Season of All!*

*The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the holidays.*  
– W. C. Jones

## 2022 Holiday Highlights:



A Barnegat family donated \$2,000 in Walmart gift cards.



To keep our families warm, Bayside Chapel's Annual Winter Coat Drive provided 140 new coats for children as well as their parents.



The United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties Warm Wishes Program provided 80 new coats and 80 pairs of Bomba socks for our students.



The Barnegat Recreation Center provided 50 coats for our students.



Three Barnegat families contributed \$225 in gift cards.



A Barnegat family donated \$3000 to the Horbelt School.



A community member dressed up as Mrs. Claus for an event to assist six families in need. Cookies and hot chocolate were provided and Mrs. Claus read a story to the children. Each family was given \$100 and each of the 14 children received a gift.



Students, staff, and community members donated comfort and personal care items to the Christmas in Camouflage program that provides care packages to soldiers deployed overseas.



Twelve children ages 8-13 years old participated in "Shop with a Cop" at Walmart in Little Egg Harbor. Each child received over \$100 and Barnegat Police officers were on hand to assist the children while they shopped.



The BHS Environmental Club held a fundraiser and donated part of their proceeds to families in need.



WISHING YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!