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Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Makes Holidays Bright –

Every December, Kiwanis Club of Roanoke faithfully supports the Roanoke Salvation Army and the West End Center for Youth.

Since 2008 members of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke have been “ringing the bell” for the **Salvation Army’s Red Kettle** campaign. In 2024 the club provided 32 volunteers who raised \$1,762.12 over 3 nights in December outside of Center in the Square. Total raised since 2008 is more than \$24,000.

On December 18, Kiwanis Club of Roanoke made Christmas merry and bright for 43 children! Club members and Key Club students shopped for gifts based on each child’s wishlist and then wrapped each gift. The club hosted the children and their chaperones from the **West End Center for Youth** at Charter Hall for lunch, festive music, gifts, and a visit from Santa! Each child received \$130 worth of presents and staff members of West End Center received gift cards. This event would not be possible without the help of several generous sponsors and area Key Clubs.

Also during the month of December, 26 Kiwanis Club members supported the **Grand Angel program at Family Service Roanoke Valley**. Kiwanians have participated in Grand Angel for 20 years, by helping purchase holiday gifts for older adult clients in assisted living facilities who might otherwise receive nothing during the season. This year, we set a new record with \$1,000!

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About the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke:

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is a community service organization in the Roanoke Valley of Virginia that has been serving the needs of youth, older adults, and the environment for 105 years. Our Club provides funds and sweat equity to over 25 charitable organizations, sponsors youth leadership clubs in Roanoke City & County (Key Clubs), as well as an Aktion Club for adults with special needs. We host the largest breakfast in Roanoke and funds are used to provide grants for area non-profits, scholarships for high school students, and financial aid to vocational students. Signature projects include Roanoke Valley Greenways, Kiwanis Playground in Melrose, and the Kiwanis Nature Park. Join us to fulfill your desire to serve the community and build friendships that will last a lifetime. All are welcome to join or participate in programs.