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Operation Santa Claus Needs YOU!

Concord, NH - For the 61st consecutive year, state employees are working around the clock to provide gifts for more than 3,000 children across New Hampshire. Dozens of retirees and volunteers from different state agencies are trying to ensure a successful year for Operation Santa Claus (OSC), founded by the State Employees' Association (SEA) in 1960.

Due to the pandemic, there is a greater need, more families, and more children who need our help. Every year, caseworkers from the Department of Health and Human Services work with families who need assistance to ensure no child is forgotten. Still, with more families and more children in need, the organization has run out of sponsors. "This is really about showing kids that no matter what, someone cares, and there is still a reason to celebrate the season," states Phil Burt, chairperson of OSC and employee at DHHS.

"Providing gifts for the children allows for a moment of normalcy and stability for them, which is more valuable than ever during times that would otherwise cause anxiety for these families. We work with and have a number of really awesome sponsors, but due to the demand, we need more. If individuals or organizations want to get involved in this year's operation, please reach out", states Burt.

With fewer funds and more children in need, donations are more impactful than ever before. Therefore, new sponsorships are being requested; if you are interested in sponsoring a child, direct contributions are best and can be made by visiting the State Employees' Association website at <https://seiu1984.org/osc/>.

For more information on the Operation Santa Claus project, visit <https://www.facebook.com/OperationSantaClausNH> or <http://www.operationsantanh.org/>.

Help make this Christmas a memorable holiday for New Hampshire's children and families in need.

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