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## Heroic Generosity

### BARRINGTON GIVING DAY SHOWCASES OUR HOMETOWN'S HEART

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD of Barrington Giving Day, we would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated volunteers, generous donors and sponsors, and invited guests. We would also like to recognize Barrington 220, and especially the staff and students of Barrington Middle School–Station Campus for their invaluable partnership.

At this year's Winter Event, 359 families were served including 855 children from our local schools. Families were welcomed in from the cold with a cup of hot coffee, a warm breakfast, and a helping hand from over 500 community volunteers.

Barrington Giving Day (BGD) has benefitted local families since the 1930s. Back then, with help from The Salvation Army, families received boxes of food during the holidays at the Chevrolet dealership in town. Later, Church Women United was formed, and with their help, warm clothing and toys were offered in addition to food. More recently, long-time volunteers Jeanette Muench

and Pat Karon had the vision to reach more families and continue to expand offerings.

Fast-forward to today. As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, BGD consists of an executive board of six people led by Dori Squires-Hough and a planning committee of fifteen. In addition to the Winter Event, a Back to School Event was created several years ago with the help of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

BGD recipient families are identified by the school district based on income challenges or personal hardship. At today's BGD events, a wide variety of necessities are distributed including: backpacks, school supplies, clothing, shoes, socks, underwear, toys, books, blankets, bed linens, hats and gloves, snow pants, boots, winter coats, personal care products, household consumables, and food. BGD has grown over the years to meet the needs of our community as a result of the heroic generosity from local families, businesses, charitable organizations, churches, and schools. In a truly collaborative nature, BGD brings together all these different individuals and groups, and

in working together we accomplish something really big.

If you have never been to a BGD event, we kindly ask you to consider offering your time as a volunteer. The many opportunities available are published on our website, [barringtongivingday.org](http://barringtongivingday.org), and our Facebook page. In addition to financial support, we gladly accept donations of gently used toys, books, clothing, coats, snow pants, gym shoes, and boots.

While attending to your spring cleaning projects, please think of sharing the items you no longer need with BGD. Donation drop-offs can be arranged by emailing us at [info@barringtongivingday.org](mailto:info@barringtongivingday.org).

We continue to invest our time, talent, and treasure in BGD because it's for the children in our district. We know that children struggle academically, physically, and emotionally without their basic needs being met. It is our hope that through Barrington Giving Day we can lift these families up and give all children in our community the opportunity to thrive. 