



## COLUMBIA CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The Columbia Police Department and Columbia Unit School District #4 have joined forces and formed a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, named **Columbia Caring for Our Community**.

The mission of **Columbia Caring for Our Community** foundation is to provide food, clothing, holiday gifts, and educational supplies to school-aged Columbia children in need.

The guiding principle behind **Columbia Caring for Our Community** is to provide joy and comfort to the children within our community.

At this time the **Columbia Caring for Our Community** foundation is accepting donations to help brighten Christmas for local children. Last year 17 Columbia families were assisted by our schools and the police department through monetary donations. No donation is too small. The spirit of giving helps to make it a Merry Christmas for everyone!

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Columbia Police Department (1020 N. Main Street) or the Columbia CUSD #4 District Office (5 Veterans Parkway.)

Checks should be made payable to **Columbia Caring for Our Community**.

*If you have questions or need additional information, please contact one of the following Board members:*

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The **Columbia Caring for Our Community** foundation will take on Santa's work with help from a community of elves!

