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Roselle Police Department Introduces New Program “With Wings and a Halo”

Books will be the new tool Roselle Police Department will use to communicate with children in crisis situations.

The Roselle Police Department has chosen to participate in the “With Wings and a Halo” R.E.A.C.H. a Child’s B.A.C.K. Packet Program. The organization’s mission is “to put a smile on the face of a child in the time of crisis.” R.E.A.C.H. stands for Reading Enjoyment Affects Childhood Happiness. The organization wants to help children deal with traumatic situations (domestic crisis, accidents etc.). “Through the gift of reading, a child can literally be transported to a happier and safer place than where they may find themselves at the time!”

Roselle Police Department squad cars will contain *Be A Cheerful Kid* packets (B.A.C.K.) to keep handy when situations with children involved arise. The packets will be filled with 12 to 15 children’s books. There is no cost to the Village of Roselle.

The program started with the help of the Dane County Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, who endorsed the project in November of 2007 and launched it in December of 2007. Kathleen Cory, Executive Director in Illinois, began the program in Illinois in April of 2008. The organization has distributed more than 60,000 books through its R.E.A.C.H. a Child Program within the organization.

“With Wings and a Halo” is a non-profit organization and survives solely on financial donations, in-kind donations, and volunteers to continue to provide the B.A.C.K. Packet Program to our Department.

More information on how you can get involved or donate to “With Wings and a Halo,” visit the website at www.withwingsandahalo.org or contact the Roselle Police Department coordinator, Administrative Sergeant John Lawson, at 630-671-4044.

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