## "Shop With A Cop" Christmas Event



December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 marked the first ever "Shop with A Cop" Christmas Event brought to you by the HVGB Crime Prevention Committee in partner with local businesses and volunteers. 12 Youth from the Community were selected and then invited to attend the RCMP Detachment where they would be partnered with a Police Officer and given a shopping allowance which was fundraised by the HVGB Crime Prevention Committee.



Money raised by the Happy Valley Goose Bay Crime prevention Committee was used to enable the Youth to purchase gifts for their family members and have under the tree Christmas Morning. This gave the youth a sense of pride and confidence in their hearts. The event began at 11am when all shoppers met at the Detachment and decorated a Gingerbread cookie and sat with their RCMP/MP teammate to make their Shopping "Wish List". At 12 O'clock the excitement began and everyone headed to The New Store, one of the Events biggest partners on the project. At The New Store the teams excitedly looked up and down the isles checking their lists to find the perfect gift for each of those on it! After the shopping was done, back to the RCMP Detachment where the Youth, along with a little help from their Police teammate and the Elves on hand got down to business and wrapped each of the purchased presents and prepared for their delivery! In between the list making, the shopping, the wrapping, and the pizza party, the members of the HVGB Crime Prevention Committee, The HVGB RCMP, and the 5 Wing Military Police got to learn a lot about the Youth of our Community and work together to spread the Christmas Cheer for the 2017 Holiday Season. The HVGB Crime Prevention also took note of what goodies our shoppers were looking at with a sparkle in their eye and put in a special call to the North Pole.

The HVGB Crime Prevention would like to send its warmest Thank You to all of those who helped in any way to make this event such a success. The experience gained by all of those who participated will be a cherished Holiday Memory for years to come, and maybe even a Tradition! Spending time with the Youth of our Community and promoting positivity through activities with them has made for rewarding gift to us this year.

When you choose joy, you feel good & when you feel good, you do good & when you do good it reminds others of what joy feels like & it just might inspire them to do the same.