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## ***Lakeview & Gowanda Correctional Facilities Donate Toys to the Women's & Children's Hospital of Buffalo***

### ***Western Region NYSCOPBA Members Donate \$4000 of Toys & Gifts***

**Buffalo , NY** – Following a holiday tradition of giving to local charities, members of NYSCOPBA's Western Region held several fundraisers to raise money to donate toys and gifts to the Women's & Children's Hospital of Buffalo. The members also made a donation to the Erie County Medical Center to support the renovation of their emergency room.

On December 2, 2016, officers and staff from Lakeview Correctional Facility personally handed out \$2300 worth of toys and gifts to kids that are hospitalized and being treated during the holiday season. The officers and staff raised the money during several fundraisers held over the summer. This is the second year Lakeview has donated to the hospital.

Yesterday, officers and staff from Gowanda Correctional Facility went to the hospital to deliver another round of gifts to patients. They raised \$1700 throughout the year to purchase toys and gifts.

In addition to the toy donation, the Western Region donated \$2500 to the hospital. The money will be used throughout the year to support the care of patients.

The Western Region members also donated \$2500 to the Erie County Medical Center to help support the renovation of the emergency room. The donation was made on Friday, December 2, 2016.

"I am extremely proud of our members from Lakeview and Gowanda Correctional Facilities for supporting the Women's & Children's Hospital of Buffalo, in particular the children that are unfortunately hospitalized there. Far too often correction officers do not get recognized for the important work they do outside prison walls. Each year many of our members volunteer their time to raise money to help those less fortunate with little fanfare. Our members recognize the importance of giving back to communities they live and work in and I would like to commend them for all they do throughout the year", stated Joe Miano, Western Region Vice President

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