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Dear Austin ISD Friends & Colleagues,

We invite you to participate as a sponsor in the LEO CLAUS Program, a program I developed and continue to organize every year to help families with students in Austin ISD who are struggling financially during the holiday season. We are collaborating with family, friends, and colleagues to bring joy to kids so they may have an awesome Holiday Season. Once we know how many sponsors and funds are available, we will visit with school counselors or family resource specialists to select students who are in the most need to make a wish list or help them create one. Once we know how many sponsors we have, we will begin pairing sponsors with students.

The most popular wish list items are shoes, clothing, books, and toys. Sponsors can participate in one of two ways:

- 1. We will send the student's wish list for the sponsor to purchase items on the list.*
- 2. Sponsors can make donations directly to the LEO CLAUS Program and our program volunteers, (PD dispatchers, my wife Alma, and many friends), will shop and purchase the wish list items for the sponsored students.*
- 3. Sponsorship donation begins at \$100 dollars per student. Last year, despite the late notice due to the pandemic, we were able to sponsor over 107 AISD students and were able to bless 73 families with gifts for the Holiday Season. All AMAZING numbers!*

This year, we are all still struggling with financial issues and understand that resources may be challenging but we hope to have continued support for the families with children in need. We could not have had such a HUGE impact on our student community without everyone's help over the last couple of years.

We are grateful for all of our sponsors from AISD, outside friends and including our business partnerships from HEB, and Wenholz Law office. Good news is they all plan to support us again in 2023. One of our largest sponsors, the GL Group with Alexa Woehler and company sponsored 7 children last year and are looking to sponsor more this year. Again, amazing partnerships!

Thank you for your time. My wife and I, along with everyone from the Austin ISD Police Department who are involved in this cause, sincerely thank you for your help. We appreciate your consideration in becoming a sponsor and sharing this letter with others to help us spread the word!

Cordially & respectfully,

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