

SPREADING JOY AND SNOW IN OUR COMMUNITY

Members of Roebuck Lodge 79 have been busy spreading Joy! In December, lodge members used a portion of the lodge's ENF Beacon Grant to purchase wish list items for children in Center Point Fire Department's Christmas Assistance Program. With the help of Roebuck Lodge 79, CPFD ensured an additional 31 children in our community woke up to gifts on Christmas morning. Additionally, groceries were provided to a family referred to the lodge by the fire department when their available resources had been exhausted.



Pictured left to right – Mickey Drinkard, Toni Sue Thrasher, Sammie Moenkedick, Carla Aaron, and Betsy Moenkedick.



Pictured left to right – Carla Aaron and Mickey Drinkard

Using a portion of the ENF Gratitude Grant, Roebuck Lodge 79 was able to donate 120 Chickens to Heidi's Kids. The chicken were given to families in the Holiday Assistance Program as part of their Holiday Meal Kit. Additionally, members volunteered their time working at Heidi's Kids Holiday Headquarters packing boxes of toys and the Holiday Meal Kits prior to parent pick-up. Heidi's Kids provided toys to 600 children in the local community this Christmas.

Roebuck Lodge 79 started off 2026 by joining Heidi's Kids for four Snow Days in January and February.

Each Snow Day celebrated very special people in our community. On January 29th, Kaicen, a student at Minor Elementary School, who has cerebral palsy received his Snow Day. On February 9th, Hazel, a student at Irondale Community School, who also has cerebral palsy received her Snow Day. Both students were greeted by Theo the Kindness Bear and the local fire department, who chauffeured Theo into a Winter Wonderland. Each student was gifted some of their favorite things and enjoyed snow, hot chocolate and cookies with their classmates.



Pictured left to right –Mickey Drinkard, Theo the Kindness Bear, and Carla Aaron

Snow Days were also held at the Lovelady Center and the American Cancer Center Hope Lodge in Birmingham.