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Port Houston Brings Holiday Cheer to Local Senior Citizens through its Silver Santa Project

HOUSTON – This holiday season, Port Houston employees shared the holiday spirit with the community through the Silver Santa Project. Every year since 2015, the Port Houston Police and Security departments deliver gifts to local senior citizens. This year, the group supplied a hot meal, pillows, plush blankets, socks and other personal items to the seniors at Jacinto City Healthcare Center and the Magnolia Multi-Service Center in Houston Dec. 11 and 17.



Caption: Port Houston police officer Deputy Chief Anthony Kinchen and Santa engaging with residents at Jacinto City Healthcare during the event.

“While many people provide gifts for children and families, the senior citizen is often overlooked or forgotten. We thought this would be a great opportunity to bring some cheer to at least a few senior citizens in our area,” said Port Police Chief Mark Smith. “We raise money through candy and drink sales, lunch sales during special events at the port and donations from our Port Houston family.”

In 2019, the Port Houston Police and Security departments raised more than \$3,000 for the Silver Santa Project through donations and various fundraisers. All of the planning and time committed to this project is volunteered.

When they deliver the gifts, the group also enjoys food and games with the senior citizens at the facilities. “The Port Houston holiday visit to the nursing home and community center brings a big smile, warms the heart and leaves a lasting memory,” said Smith.

About Port Houston

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