

Troy Firefighters' Community Fund:

The Troy Firefighters' Community Fund (TFCF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving underprivileged children and families from the City of Troy and neighboring communities. TFCF is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) charitable organization comprised of Troy volunteer firefighters and their families. Since 2008, the TFCF has annually sponsored "Shopping with a Firefighter" in which approximately 40 underprivileged children, ranging in age from 3 to 13 years, from low income homes, spend a day shopping with Troy Firefighters.

The purpose of the event is to give these needy children an opportunity to give gifts to their loved ones, when they may not ordinarily be able to do so. The day begins with the children making a shopping list for themselves and their loved ones. The children then shop with a firefighter for gifts such as jackets, shoes, clothes, bedding supplies, and toys. Next, the children travel back to a Troy Fire Station to wrap their family's gifts, after which a meal is hosted by the firefighters. Various crafts and activities are available for the children as well. The entire event is funded through charitable donations and fund raising activities.