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**Note to reporters/editors:** This is a great holiday feel-good story. Firefighters will help with photos or video as needed up to Christmas Eve.

## Beaufort, Port Royal firefighters adopt CAPA children for the holidays

Bringing hope and help to children in the local emergency shelter, firefighters from the City of Beaufort/Town of Port Royal are adopting the CAPA children's shelter this holiday season.

The firefighters chose to give to the residents of the Child Abuse Prevention Association shelter instead of sharing gifts with fellow firefighters, organizers said.

"Our guys wanted to give to an agency that they could be directly involved with," said Lt. Reece Bertholf, who organized the firefighters. They've been to the shelter to decorate for the holidays – including hanging lights and more than 2,000 ornaments. Each ornament represents one child the CAPA facility has helped in its 25-plus years of service, Bertholf said.

The firefighters will be wrapping gifts and preparing a holiday meal for the children – and the meal will be specially delivered by Santa via a fire truck on Christmas Eve.

"These firefighters are outstanding role models for the kids," said Capt. John Robinson. "Firefighters respond to tragedies all year long. CAPA is one of those agencies that try to make it better."

The motto of the CAPA shelter is *Open arms and open hearts*. “For the children in the shelter, we’d like to think the worst is behind them,” said Gloria Duryea, CAPA’s community relations coordinator.

To help, call the City of Beaufort Fire Department/Town of Port Royal Fire Departments at 843-525-7055 or visit the CAPA website at <http://www.capabeaufort.org>.

The City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal jointly share fire protection services.

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