

## The History of the Lanark County Child and Family Services / OPP Angel Tree: Year 40!



This initiative was introduced in November 1986 when an “Angel Tree” was erected in the outer foyer of the Perth Detachment (now known as Lanark County OPP Detachment) and a total of 50 Angels were hung from the tree. The effort brought together the OPP, FCSLLG and several area municipal offices. Year one achieved its goal – a gift for each child on the tree. The program was started by PC Neil Fennell, now retired.

40 years later the OPP Community Angel Tree program continues to achieve that same goal. Unfortunately, the need remains and the number of children and families assisted exceeds 1000 annually. In order to meet that need, Angel Trees are now found at all the Municipal Offices within Lanark County and several businesses have also stepped up to serve as community partners. Support from throughout Lanark County and beyond proves once again that our community is a caring, generous home to so many.

We thank you.

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