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Commissioners Recognize December as *Be a Santa to a Senior* Month in Lake County

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, November 19, 2026– Home Instead Senior Care created the Be a Santa to a Senior program to support lonely or isolated older adults. The program aims to bring holiday cheer to seniors in need through partnerships with local organizations that help ensure older adults receive gifts and companionship during the holiday season.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners is proud to continue its participation in the program and is hosting a donation tree once again at the Lake County Administration Center. The tree is decorated with ornaments featuring seniors' first names and gift or gift card suggestions. It is located on the fifth floor outside the Commissioners' Chambers at 105 Main St. in Painesville.



From the Left: Commissioner John T. Plecnik, Amanda Eberhart from Home Instead and Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh.

The Commissioners encourage community members who have selected an ornament from the tree to return their unwrapped gifts to the same location by the designated collection deadline to ensure they can be delivered in time for the holidays.

"We are honored to participate in this heartwarming program again this year," said Commission President Morris W. Beverage III. "The Be a Santa to a Senior campaign reflects the generosity of Lake County residents and reminds our older adults that they are valued, remembered, and appreciated during the holiday season."

As a franchise network, Home Instead continues its long-standing holiday campaign that gives back to older adults and reminds them that they are cherished members of our communities. The Home Instead Mentor office partners with local organizations serving older adults to provide gifts to hundreds of Lake County seniors each year.

"I am grateful for the generosity of our residents, businesses, and community organizations that make this program possible year after year," said Commissioner John T. Plecnik. "Their kindness helps ensure that hundreds of Lake County seniors feel remembered and appreciated during the holiday season. It is inspiring to see our community come together to brighten the lives of others."

Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh thanked residents for their continued support of the program. "We are grateful to everyone who participates in Be a Santa to a Senior," she said. "These gifts bring comfort, joy, and a sense of connection to many older adults throughout Lake County. Together, we can help ensure that no senior feels forgotten during the holidays."

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