Goodfellows collect, box and deliver to families

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A raging success – despite Saturday's damp and cold weather.

That's the final word on the 1998 Goodfellows effort that brought food, toys, clothing and gifts to more than 100 families in need in the Farmington area.

"We were done by 11:15 a.m.," said Bob Chappell of the Goodfellows delivery drive Saturday.

"We had more trucks this year. And I had men lined up at certain positions," said Chappell, who runs the Goodfellows warehouse.

Like an assembly line, trucks arrived and 255 boxes of goods were put on the trucks and delivered to families, some of whom received more than one box because of the size of the family.

"We called the families Thursday and Friday to let them know we were coming," Chappell said.

The boxes were an early arrival from Santa for families who thanked the Goodfellows volunteers – all 235 of them – with smiles and tears.

Neighborhood House provided the names of families who were in need this holiday season.

Goodfellows volunteers were ready to go Saturday morning with the deliveries beginning at 9 a.m. Everything had been packed in the boxes Friday with plenty of time to spare.

"This year we are in a store building so we had to load through doors. But we still did it in time," said Dick Tupper, chair of the Goodfellows holiday drive.

Organized: *Warehouse manager for the Goodfellows is Bob Chappell.*

In addition to plenty of adult volunteers including from civic organizations such as the Exchange Club and Rotary, students in the National Honor Society lent a hand loading the boxes and running them from the truck to families' homes. Farmington Hills Assistant to the Fire Chief Bob Rebtoy sent out notices to city employees asking for help on Saturday. And he wasn't disappointed, Tupper said.

Another 20 students were asked to address some 1,200 thank you's for all the contributions the Goodfellows received this holiday season. "That covers about 90 percent of the donations we got so far," Tupper said.

Tuesday morning, Chappell got a phone call that the Goodfellows have a few more families to help. "I'm getting stuff ready for them right now," he said.

If you're wondering if you saw the Goodfellows out selling papers this year, you didn't. Five years ago, two Goodfellows were injured when selling papers in traffic. The local organization then decided to take a different route.

Community mailings asking for help are now sent out. And according to Tupper, revenues have almost doubled.

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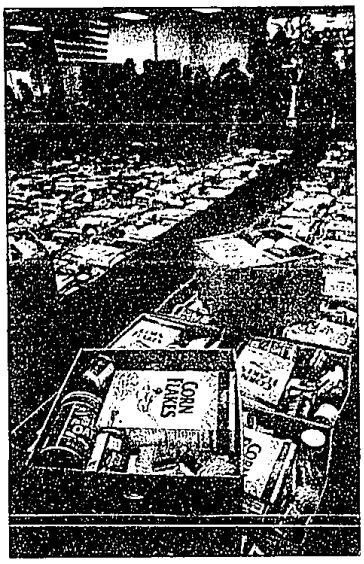

Wow: *(Above) Ashley Schultz, 7, grins as she opens a gift with her former Head Start teacher, Pat Teeples. Ashley's family was one of many visited by the Farmington area Goodfellows Saturday. At right, Goodfellows are ready and waiting to deliver to approximately 130 families.*

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