

Lewiston Tops makes large donation to Salvation Army



DiMino Lewiston Tops owner Anthony DiMino is no stranger to giving. He has been featured often in this newspaper for his donations to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce and local anglers. This week, he and his store went above and beyond, donating \$15,000 to the Salvation Army for Christmas. Volunteers have been manning the red kettle during the holiday season. "Tops tries to make Christmas 2020 very merry," DiMino said. Pictured, from left, is DiMino with Capt. Steven Carroll Jr. of the Salvation Army's Niagara Falls unit. Carroll said Tops is the No. 1 donor to the Salvation Army.



VFW, Deal Realty send gifts to area youth

Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 teamed with Lewiston's Deal Realty and other volunteers (including Assemblyman Angelo Morinello) to present holiday presents to 50 youth from the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club and Tuscarora Indian Elementary School.

A note received from the latter read, in part, "Thank you so much for the gift donations. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. It means so much to us to know that many of our students in need will wake up to a big surprise on Christmas morning! You have helped create a magical childhood memory for our wonderful students. Thank you so very much."

Tom Deal said, "We do this because we strongly feel that it is our responsibility to support the community that supports us. We received donations from local businesses and members of our community to help bring some Christmas joy to 50 children in our area. There is such a huge need - especially this year with all the virus concerns - we feel it's our duty to help. We live in such an incredible community, people are always willing to support those in need when called upon to do so."



Russell Salvatore raising support for ECMC

Russell J. Salvatore is raising funds for Erie County Medical Center.

In a commercial, he said, "During this pandemic, the frontline workers of ECMC have been there for us. They've taken care of over 400 COVID patients, and thousands of trauma and emergency patients. That's why I'm asking you to help them. Western New Yorkers always take care of each other. And I will match every gift donated over the holidays. Please help my friends on the front line. Make a donation today."

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The Russell J. Salvatore Foundation also is donating 40 copies of the recently released book "The Seasons of Buffalo Baseball 1857-2020" to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System.

The book, edited by James H. Overfield, is an update and revision of the out-of-print 1985 baseball history "The 100 Seasons of Buffalo Baseball" by Overfield's

late father, Buffalo Bisons historian Joseph M. Overfield. The new edition, published locally by Billoni Associates Publishing of Grand Island, highlights the stories, statistics and photographs of hundreds of players, owners, managers and legends from Buffalo's lengthy baseball history - from the pre-Civil War baseball clubs, Offermann and War Memorial stadiums, to the 1980s baseball revival with the opening of downtown's Pilot Field (now Sahlen Field), up

to the present day.

"This donation makes possible a copy of the book for each of our 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, our bookmobile and our Grosvenor Room local history collection," Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski said.

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