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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

The Commissioners recognized Home Instead- Mentor at their December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for their continued work in Lake County with the Be a Santa to a Senior program. The program supports older adults who may be overlooked, isolated, or alone during the holiday season. “We are pleased to participate again this year in the program to show older adults in Lake County that they are valued, especially during the holiday season,” said Commissioner John Hamercheck.

Home Instead partners with local organizations, such as the Board of Commissioners, to provide gifts to over 250 local seniors. Local agencies host a tree decorated with ornaments featuring seniors’ first names and gift or gift card suggestion. Holiday shoppers select an ornament and return the gift unwrapped with the ornament attached. Gifts are then delivered to seniors in time for the holidays. “This small act of kindness can make a big difference in the lives of our most vulnerable senior citizens,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

This year the Be a Santa to a Senior program will provide gifts to over 500 seniors throughout Cleveland and the surrounding areas.

“The Commissioners urge citizens to share the joys and glad tidings of the holidays with the many seniors who may not be surrounded by the comforts of family or friends this year, said Commissioner Ron Young. “It’s important we look out for one another.”

This is the thirteen year of the Be a Santa to a Senior program and the third year the Board of Commissioners has hosted a tree.

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