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Wheeling City Council’s Silly Holiday Suit Fundraiser to Provide Gifts for Children in Need

WHEELING, W.VA. – In an effort to better the holidays for some local children, Wheeling City Council members will don some silly holiday suits for the Dec. 15 council meeting, but they must raise \$3,000 first.

Through the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley, 100 percent of the proceeds from the Silly Holiday Suit Fundraiser will go to Operation Toy Lift that provides children in need with gifts during the holiday season. Donations can be made by visiting

<http://unitedwayuov.org/give/wheeling-city-councils-silly-holiday-suit-fundraiser/>

Vice Mayor Chad Thalman said he and Councilman Ty Thorngate wore silly suits several years ago for charity and in light of the hardships felt amongst Wheeling’s non-profits this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, they thought it would be a good time to do it again. This time, however, there will be more than just Thalman and Thorngate wearing some colorful and creative clothes.

“We will see silliness and style from some council and city staff members, but we need the people of the Ohio Valley to help out and make it happen by making donations,” he said. “It has been a challenging year for all of us and this fundraiser may help make a child’s holiday season a little brighter. Many people faced tough times with employment and many non-profits, including the United Way, were unable to hold their annual fundraisers that make their missions possible. This is just one small way we can do our part and make a difference for our community.”

Thalman noted if wearing a silly suit can put a smile on a child’s face this holiday season, it makes it all worth it.