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CREATURE CARE TOPS THE SHOPPING LIST FOR HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Bay Village, Ohio --- Who puts pine shavings, latex gloves or mealworms on a holiday shopping list? You -- if you're willing to shop for the animals at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Throughout the month of December, the Center, with the help of volunteers from North Olmsted High School's SITES program, will be collecting holiday gifts for the Center's animal and preschool class needs.

This year, North Olmsted High School students are supporting the holiday drive as part of their community service hours for the school's SITES (Social Involvement Through Education and Service) program. "We're happy to have the help of these community-conscious young people," said Wildlife Director Dave Wolf. In addition to supplies that help with the care and feeding of the Center's resident animals and wildlife rehabilitation patients, the Center is collecting items such as wooden puzzles and Legos for its preschool classrooms.

"Both the creatures and the classes provide unique opportunities for teaching about the amazing wildlife and fascinating natural world in Northeast Ohio," said Community Relations & Fundraising Director Renee Burslem. "In-kind gifts help keep our non-profit, educational mission humming." Starting on November 26, gifts can be dropped off under the tabletop tree in the Center's main hallway.

An updated in-kind donations "wish list" is posted on Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's website at www.lensc.org or available at the Center, 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. If you're unable to shop, you can give a monetary donation and Center staff will pick up the supplies for you. As part of the holiday, in-kind donation drive, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center also accepts gift cards to a variety of area stores.

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