

Elks Provide Magical Christmas Memories for Laradon Participants



A student takes a picture with Santa and Elroy.

December 14, 2007 was a magical day for Laradon's participants. It was the day for the Elks annual Christmas party for Laradon.

Thanks to many Elks of Colorado, every participant received a gift. Some lodges and individual Elks members took participant names from Christmas Party Chairman, Bob Wingert and his wife Kathy, and purchased gifts while others donated money to use toward gift purchases.

A special thank you from Laradon to Bob and Kathy Wingert who spent many hours shopping to get just what each participant asked Santa for. With hundreds of presents to purchase this is no easy task. But Bob and Kathy were successful once again and delivered the gifts to Laradon in time for 10 volunteers from the Arvada Elk Ladies to wrap them. Thank you to Wanda Lippman, Marie Kunze, Betty Polich, Betty Young, Maria Hughes, Mickey Berg, JoAnn Tiabs, Lois Knudson, Teresa Stratman and Annitta Schluter for wrapping and organizing the gifts for the participants.



Tim Hall, Executive Director, presents Certificates of Appreciation to Bob and Kathy Wingert.



Day Habilitation program participants performed musical numbers and invited the audience to sing along.

The party began with a lunch of pizza and cookies followed by a lively performance by the adults in Laradon's Day Habilitation programs. Santa (PDDGER, John Galvin) and "Elroy the Elk" (Aurora PER, Dennis Gade) arrived after the performance to a very excited and eager crowd of Laradon program participants. Santa gave each participant a gift and Elroy

handed out candy canes while posing for photos.

Thanks to the many Elks members and assorted Lodges throughout Colorado for their generosity and dedication to making the holiday season special and bright for all of us at Laradon. The day was abundant with magical memories of Christmas songs, Santa, Elroy.... and Christmas wishes that were fulfilled.

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