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VHRU helps local family

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The Henderson family is going to have a merrier Christmas than they might have had thanks to the efforts of Pahrump's Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU) squads.

Frank Mauizio and Ken Godwin, the VHRU's squad leaders for Pahrump, got in touch with the Hendersons through the pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church.

Tuesday, Mauizio and Godwin took Melissa Henderson and her three children, Kristopher, Kaitlyn, and Kammeron shopping at Wal-Mart. (See photo, page A9.)

Kaitlyn was very excited about her new cheetah pajamas, and Kristopher got Pirates of the Caribbean pajama pants.

Christmas will also be a bit warmer for the Hendersons, as they put their new heater to use to ward off the winter chill.

The VHRU is a volunteer organization made up of former law enforcement officials from federal, state, and local agencies that now reside in southern Nevada and are prepared to respond in the event of an emergency situation.

The VHRU always welcomes new volunteers, and anyone interested in joining can find more information about them at www.vhru.com.



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Frank Mauizio and Ken Godwin, Pahrump's Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit squad leaders, stand with Kaitlyn Henderson, 8, Kammeron Henderson, 9, and Kristopher Henderson, 10, at the First Southern Baptist Church. Behind them, Melissa Henderson's niece, Kim Reyes stands with her son Mikey Payne, thankful for all the VHRU has done for her family.