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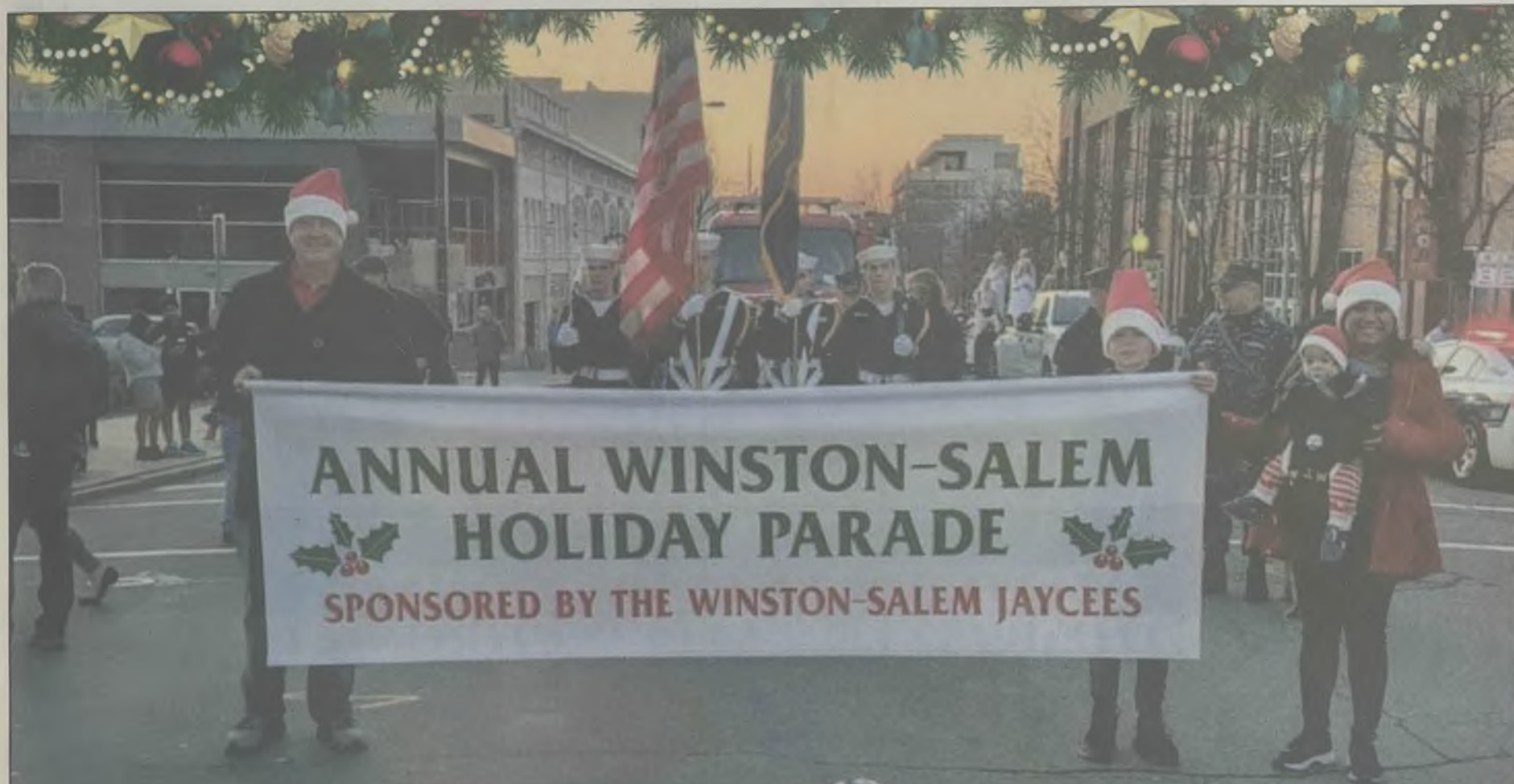
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Countdown to Christmas



Photos by Tevin Stinson and courtesy of Winston-Salem Jaycees Facebook page

The 29th Annual Winston-Salem Jaycees Holiday Parade was held on Dec. 7. Parade goes lined Fourth and Liberty streets to see the attractions this year had to offer. Community leaders, elected officials, high school bands and area beauty contestant winners were all on deck to give the spectators season's greetings. The holiday parade is the official start of the Christmas countdown.

Shining Our Light Holiday Celebration continues a legacy of giving

BY TEVIN STINSON
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With the holiday season in full swing, last weekend the Alana Alston Family Foundation did its part to ensure more than a

dozen families will enjoy the holidays when they hosted their inaugural Shining Our Light Holiday Celebration.

During the event held at the Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown, 20 children and their families were treated to a catered holiday dinner and gift giveaway. Children also had the opportunity to connect with local business professionals and other volunteers, painting, drawing, and creating Christmas ornaments. Yasmee Alston, founder of the Alana Alston Family Foundation, said

the purpose of the holiday celebration was to create a sense of family.

"We want the kids to be able to succeed and it starts at home with family," Alston continued. "Whatever that family construct is, the support comes from the family. Even if it's extended family, having that support is what motivates kids and pushes kids to do their best, be their best and ultimately become successful."

Alston said if her sister were alive, the holiday celebration is exactly the

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Yasmee Alston, founder of the Alana Alston Family Foundation, wishes to promote a sense of family with celebration.

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