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THE PARTNER

The Partner is the official newsletter of the Cleveland Police Foundation



**TRIBUTE TO THE
blue
CELEBRATION**

Gratitude, Gambling and Gaming
A benefit for the Cleveland Police Foundation

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019
6:30 - 11 PM
HOUSE OF BLUES

Reserve Your Tickets for March 7 for the Return of Tribute to the Blue!

The Cleveland Police Foundation would love to see you at the Tribute to the Blue Celebration and benefit, coming March 7 to the House of Blues.

This year's celebration includes:

- Gambling and gaming for fabulous prizes

- Decadent donuts and coffee shots
- Complementary beer and wine
- Historic Cleveland Police cruisers
- Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle

We'll also be presenting community service awards to some very worthy recipients.

Ticket Information

- **VIP Tickets** include program recognition, private VIP reception from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Cambridge Room and a silent auction preview
- **Chief's Tables** (8 reserved tickets), \$2500 (\$2250 tax deductible)
- **Commander's Unit** (4 tickets), \$1500 (\$1350 tax deductible)
- **Individual VIP Tickets** \$125 (\$100 tax deductible)
- **General Admission Tickets** \$75 each
- **Police Officer/Law Enforcement** \$50 each

Purchase tickets...

Doors open at 6:30 PM for general admission. You do not need to bring a ticket with you. Sign-in will be at the door.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Cleveland Police Foundation at (216) 623-3333 or email mjech@clevelandpolicefoundation.org.

[Buy tickets now!](#)



CPF Police Officer of the Month, February 2019: Patrol Officer Katharine Byrd

Last December, Fourth District Officer Antoine Payne's house caught on fire and was destroyed by water and smoke damage. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the blaze but everything inside was lost.

As soon as fellow patrol officer and partner **Katharine Byrd** heard of the fire, she bought the entire family food and refused to take money to help pay for the meals. The next day Officer Byrd helped organize a group of people to move PO Payne's entire family into her own home. She said there was no rush in having his family move out and to take his time getting his family back in order as well in finding a place to live.

One of PO Byrd's fellow officers, PO Ken Kirk, contacted the Cleveland Police Foundation and stated, "I feel Patrol Officer Katharine Byrd should be recognized for going well above what's expected of a partner and friend by doing everything she has done and continues to do for Officer Payne and his family. She's an angel and a saint for her efforts." We also contacted Officer Byrd's immediate supervisor, Sergeant Stephen Beckner, who stated, "I am extremely proud to work with Officer Katharine Byrd... her actions, as incredible as they are, do not surprise me at all. She is a great example of how a partner on the job is truly an extended family member."

It is because of her caring for a fellow officer in need and her devotion to her profession that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Katharine Byrd as **Police Officer of the Month for February 2019**.

[More about the Police Officer of the Month Program . . .](#)



CPF Community Partner of the Month, February 2019: Linda Litto

Linda Litto has been a tireless and committed advocate of the community for many years. She has served the people of Ward 14, Ward 3, and now serves Ward 16 as the executive assistant to Councilman Brian Kazy. Linda volunteers as the president of the Monroe Street Cemetery Foundation, overseeing the restoration and care of the historic cemetery, and is a volunteer member of the Second District Police/Community Relations Committee.

Linda is constantly looking for ways for the community to join with the police, Cleveland City Hall, and neighborhood groups through projects which bring them together to promote increased communication and trust. Linda volunteers to help out at Cops for Kids events, sells tickets to help with fundraising, and promotes as well as financially supports the Cleveland Police Foundation charities.

Captain Keith Sulzer says of Linda, "Linda is kind, loving, and dedicated! Her concern for others is inspirational and this city and our community are fortunate to have such a wonderful example of community service."

It is because of her dedication and devotion to the community that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Linda Litto as **Community Partner of the Month for February 2019**.

[More about the Community Partner of the Month Program...](#)

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Become a **FRIEND** of the Cleveland Police Foundation.



Help with our challenge: 1,000 Friends of the Cleveland Police Foundation by December 31, 2019!

While our new Friends membership drive has had some great results, **we need your help** to increase the momentum so we reach our goal of 1000 Friends by December 31. The Friends program helps us to offer stronger **partnerships with programs in the community** and more fully support our official charities: Cleveland Cops for Kids, Cleveland Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, the Cleveland Police Historical Society and Museum, the Cleveland Police Mounted Unit Charitable Trust, Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police and the Cleveland Police Honor Guard.

[Learn more about becoming a Friend](#)

"BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

March 7, 2019

Tribute to the Blue

6:30-11:00 PM

March 12, 2019

**2nd District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 PM

March 20, 2019

**5th District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 PM

March 23, 2019

Fairfax Recreation Center Boxing Event

Doors Open 1 PM - First Bout 2 PM.

April 9, 2019

**2nd District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 PM

April 17, 2019

**5th District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 PM

April 30, 2019

**3rd District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

7-8 PM

May 17, 2019

March 26, 2019
3rd District Community Relations
Committee Meetings
7-8 PM

In the News Around Town

Helping Others to Find a Home of Their Own

The New Horizons program from the City Mission is helping Laura's Home graduate "Star" and her family, who are thrilled to own a home. The City Mission partners with First District Community Relations, Cuyahoga Land Bank, and others to empower this well-deserving family with a place to call home. Learn more about the process at www.thecitymission.org.



Donating Books and Reading at East Clark Elementary

It was a great time at East Clark Elementary School on East 146th Street when officers talked about safety and read about police, and books were donated to some great kids! Thank you to Ebony Donley and Mrs. Henderson and a big thank you to Branden Pedersen from Little Free Library for donating many copies of *Police in Our School*.

Cleveland Police from Community Policing Second District, NICE Visit MetroHealth Pediatric Unit

Cleveland Police from Community Policing, Second District, and our NICE (Neighborhood Impact Community Engagement) Unit visited the kids, families, and staff at MetroHealth's Pediatric Unit bringing gifts, smiles, and laughter! Time was spent with Marisa, a wonderful little girl whose mother is a refugee from Burma (Myanmar). Marisa's mother shared her experiences in Burma and how

the long civil war has taken such a heavy toll on the Burmese people. She remarked that police officers in Burma do not do nice things like Cleveland police do and how nice it was that we visit children in hospitals!



Cops for Kids Deliver Coats to First District

Cops for Kids delivered several boxes of new coats to our First District Community Engagement Officers to be distributed to needy children throughout the First District. Thank you to Coats for Kids and the donors who help the Cleveland Police Foundation for thinking of our children!

Happy Little Learners Co-op Visits the First District

Tuesday February 19, Community Policing and the First District hosted a field trip for the Happy Little Learners Co-op of home school families at the First District Police Station. During the visit, kids got to meet officers, Officer Paul Fronckowiak and his K9 partner Jesse and learned all about police canines and their talents. Each child received a Cleveland Police gift bag courtesy of CPD and the Cleveland Police Foundation.



142nd Cleveland Police Academy Class Sworn In



Friday, February 8, 2019, Mayor Frank G. Jackson administered the oath of office to the 142nd Cleveland Police Academy class at Cleveland City Hall. The 47 patrol officers will be assigned to neighborhood districts on basic patrol. Congratulations to all of Cleveland's New and Finest!

The Best Chili in the Land

Cleveland Police and Cleveland Police Foundation won a chili contest at the [2019 Chili Bowl Classic](#) at the Hofbrau House Feb. 23. Hermes Road Racing hosts this great event and donates part of the proceeds to Cleveland Cops for Kids and the MetroHealth Gannon Burn Unit. A big thanks to St. Augustine's and chef Wilbur for allowing us to cook ten gallons of chili in their kitchen, and thanks to Myra and Mark from Jim's Meats at the West Side Market for donating some of the ingredients for the recipe. Thank you to all the runners and to the staff at Hermes for supporting Cleveland Cops for Kids.



We get mail!

#InTheService

Carla Wilson says, "The heart they show is what's needed these days; they bought a bike for a bullied kid. Isn't that the OPPOSITE of what people try to claim policemen do? NICE WORK GUYS!"

#ChiefKovacicAward

Susan Schuman Axelrod says, "Wonderful and very well-deserved honor. I am honored to have known him."

Carrie Nola-Kellner says, "That's awesome!! ❤️ such a great man and a great honor to him and the other officers 🙏"

#CoatsForKids

Lisa Fox says, "Two of my favorite people doing what CPD is known for doing... helping others..."

Carol Georgia Mains says, "Nice, thank you for all that you do! The kids love seeing you!"

Sharon Davis Shockey says, "What a beautiful smile you put on her face, Officer Roberts. ❤️❤️"

Recap photos . . .

Simply amazing amount of work - impossible to track it all! Here are photos from the plethora of events local police officers were involved in over just a one-month period.

[Read all about it here!](#)



Safety and Crime Prevention Tips

The Cleveland Police Foundation, in partnership with the Cleveland Division of Police and the Ohio Crime Prevention Association presents these tips so citizens can help to make our community safer.

Reducing the Risk of Auto Theft

Eight quick tips to help make sure your car's where you left it!



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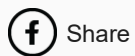
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In addition to providing funding for youth and community outreach programs, community policing and engagement initiatives, safety & crime prevention programs, and supporting the members of the Cleveland Division of Police to help them better perform their duties, the CPF proudly supports the following charities in accomplishing their mission.



Contributions to the CPF are tax deductible under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code.

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