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THE PARTNER

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Tribute to the Blue!

On March 7, 2019 the Cleveland Police Foundation held its annual Tribute To The Blue celebration at the House of Blues.

A large crowd was on hand for the festivities that honor both very special citizens and officers from the Cleveland Division of Police. On display as guests arrived were vintage police vehicles and officers from the C.P.D. Mounted Unit and K-9 Unit. The celebration officially began with the bagpipes, drummers and Cleveland Police Honor Guard calling the guests to order with the presentation of the colors. Upon completion guests were encouraged to visit the numerous food stations set up and music was provided by Backtraxx.

Recognized in the awards presentation were **Alex Machaskee** (Lozick Man of the Year), **Skylight Financial** (Ganley Community Service Award), **Woods King III** (CPF Founders Award), **Stephen D. Anthony** (Sam Miller Leadership Award) and Community Partners of the Year, **Rose Roy and Alice Wegrocki**. Also being honored for excellence in Community Policing efforts were the 18 Cleveland

Police Foundation's Police Officers of the Month, and the officers receiving the newly named **Edward P. Kovacic Police Officer of the Year Award** were **Detective Carl Bowers, Detective Michael Belle and Patrol Officer Erwin Eberhardt.**

All in all it was a night to remember. The Cleveland Police Foundation would like to thank our honorary Co-Chairs, Bill & Mary (Kovacic) Denihan, Calvin D. Williams, Chief of Police, Toni Geib from Bella Fotos Photography for donating her service and also all the volunteers and event committee that made this celebration a success. Hope to see you all next year!



CPF Police Officer of the Month, May 2019: Sergeant Andy Ezzo

In 1999, **Sergeant Andy Ezzo** founded the Greater Cleveland Police Scholarship Fund. Since then, the fund has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to support the education of high school seniors in the Greater Cleveland area, as well as providing support to surviving families of slain officers!

Sergeant Ezzo explains the GCP Scholarship Fund: "I organized the Fund in 1999, the year after Detective Robert Clark was killed in the line of duty. The first year, we organized a softball tournament in memory of Robert Clark. Proceeds from the tournament allowed us to provide a \$2,000 college scholarship to our first recipient. As the years moved on, we added the annual Police Memorial Motorcycle Rally and the annual "Salute to Our Heroes" benefit auction and dinner. Hosting these events with assistance from our wonderful sponsors has allowed us to provide over \$250,000 in college scholarships to the children of police officers. In addition, over \$68,000 has been provided to those police families who have given the ultimate sacrifice and lost a loved one in the line of duty.

"In 2002, the Akron Police Department constructed a memorial in front of their building which includes an eternal flame within the memorial. With a portion of the proceeds from the annual motorcycle rally,

we have been able to provide an annual check of \$2,500 to the Akron Police Memorial Society to keep the eternal flame lit.

"We have memorialized and provided funds to eight police families who have lost their loved ones in the line of duty. My purpose and my goal was to not only help the police families who have lost their loved ones and the police families having to send their children to college, but I always wanted to memorialize the fallen officers and never forget.

"Over the past 20 years, I am very proud to say I have accomplished the goals I have set and will always remember our fallen."

It is because of the work done in our community and for our children that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Sergeant Andy Ezzo as its **Police Officer of the Month for May 2019**.

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



CPF Police Officers of the Month, April 2019: Cleveland Police Mounted Unit

The Cleveland Police Mounted Unit has been a great supporter of the Cleveland Police Foundation. They help promote our mission by having their dedicated officers interact in a positive way with the community they serve. It seems that just their presence at our events evokes smiles and laughter to all who attend!

When asked to comment on the importance of the Mounted Unit as far as Community Policing is concerned, Captain Keith Sulzer stated, "They bring our police officers closer to our community by creating conversation, good will, and trust. One such incident was at the Stockyard Bike-A-Thon when

Officer Januszczak and his horse Mandy danced the Cupid Shuffle. The video was viewed on YouTube nearly 100,000 times and put the Cleveland Division of Police in the national spotlight!”

It is because of their dedication to the citizens they serve and their outstanding Community Policing efforts that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name The Cleveland Police Mounted Unit as its **Police Officers of the Month for April 2019**.



CPF Police Officers of the Month, March 2019: Patrol Officers Eduardo Colon and Long Dang

Patrol Officers **Eduardo Colon** and **Long Dang**, from the Traffic Unit, go up and beyond! During a very frigid cold spell in January, these officers were spotlighted on Fox 8 for their efforts to take care of the many people who are homeless in the downtown area.

Officers Colon and Dang acquired blankets from St Vincent Charity Hospital and sought out people living on the streets to keep them warm. Colon and Dang understand that many refuse to go to shelters and that some of them suffer from mental health issues. So the officers not only gave them blankets but made certain to check on their welfare, seeing how those on the street were coping with the weather and if any emergency actions were needed to ensure their safety.

These two officers regularly check on people in the homeless population, bringing them food and often paying for supplies out of their own pockets. “They appreciate it when you come up to them, talk to them not like a police officer to a person, but as a person to a person,” said Officer Dang. These officers, as well as the entire CPD Traffic Unit, truly care about those in need in our community and go out of their way to ensure the safety of all of our community.

It is because of their compassion for their fellow man and devotion to their profession that the

Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name **Patrol Officers Eduardo Colon and Long Dang as Police Officers of the Month for March 2019.**



CPF Community Partner of the Month, May 2019: Val and Mitch Addy

Val and Mitch Addy have been a valuable asset for many years not only to their First District community but also to the City of Cleveland. They never turn down a request for their help at an event!

Val and Mitch have both been members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for five years and Val is the secretary for the First District Community Relations Board. They also served as greeters at this year's Cleveland Police Foundation *Tribute to the Blue* held at the House of Blues.

Whether it's volunteering at the Cops for Kids fishing events or dressing as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for a kids' Christmas party, Val and Mitch Addy always make themselves available to assist.

It is because of this dedication to making the community a better place to live that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Val and Mitch Addy as **Community Partners of the Month for May 2019.**



CPF Community Partner of the Month, April 2019: Joe Charboneau and Enzo Maddalena

Joe Charboneau, the 1980 MLB Rookie of the Year for the **Cleveland Indians**, and **Enzo Maddalena**, owner of **Masters of Disasters** (a restoration company), have continually supported the Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Cops for Kids.

They have been incredibly generous over the years, not only donating financially, but taking the time to attend many of the Cops for Kids fundraisers. Joe has donated jerseys and signed memorabilia at events to help raise money so that CPD officers can connect with their community and most importantly the children.

It was fitting that the Community Partner plaques were presented to Joe and Enzo at a fundraiser they were hosting for charity on April 1st, the Cleveland Indians Opening Day!!

Thank you Joe and Enzo for helping provide resources for the Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Cops for Kids to connect with the community!!

It is because of this devotion and dedication to the children and officers in our community that the **Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Joe Charboneau and Enzo Maddalena as Community Partners of the Month for April 2019.**



CPF Community Partner of the Month, March 2019: Edgewater Yacht Club

The Edgewater Yacht Club has been hosting the Cops for Kids fishing event for the past ten years rain or shine with no questions asked. Their support for the kids, mostly from the Boys and Girls Club, has been outstanding. They have provided an outlet for the kids that may have never had that experience before. Kids have an opportunity to take a boat ride, go fishing and eat lunch with officers from the Cleveland Division of Police.

As stated earlier this partnership began ten years ago when then Chief of Police, Mike McGrath was asked at a community meeting if he would consider setting up fishing trips on Lake Erie for inner city youths and he responded by saying, "I will look into the request and see if I can make it happen." Chief McGrath then contacted Captain Wayne Bratton of the Holiday Fishing charters and the Edgewater Yacht Club and the partnership began. Safety Director McGrath was contacted for this write-up and stated, "I am extremely proud that the Edgewater Yacht Club and the Cleveland Police Foundation have continued these summer fishing trips so that our kids from the community can interact with our officers in a positive way."

It is because of this devotion and dedication to the children and officers in our community that the **Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize the Edgewater Yacht Club as our Community Partner of the Month for March 2019.**



To help raise money for the

Derek Owens Memorial Park

in honor of Patrol Officer Derek Owens who was shot and killed in the line of duty protecting our community.

Help the Derek Owens Memorial Park!

On February 29, 2008, Patrol Officer Derek Owens was shot in the line of duty while investigating complaints of neighborhood quality of life issues of loitering, illicit alcohol & drug consumption & sales on vacant properties in his patrol area. He died of injuries the next day, March 1.

Police Officers and citizens from the 4th Neighborhood Police District – in partnership with the Saint Luke's Foundation, Buckeye Shaker Square Development Corporation, the Cleveland Police Foundation and others, with the support of Councilman Kenneth Johnson – plan to honor PO Owens' memory and all officers who died in the line of duty with the creation of the Derek Owens Memorial Park. The park will be created on the three city lots that contain the site where Owens was shot.



The park will benefit the community by providing a safe play space for kids and adding to the community green space. It will also include a reading/gathering area, labyrinth, and beautiful

plantings. It will serve as a living testament to Patrol Officer Derek Owens' life and lasting legacy.

To donate, please contact Captain Keith Sulzer at ksulzer@city.cleveland.oh.us or 216-623-3334

Owens Memorial Park on WYKY's "We the People"

On Friday, May 24 WKYC ran a segment on Owens Memorial Park. **Watch it here:**



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

June 6, 2019

[First District Community Relations Meeting](#)

June 11, 2019

[Cops for Kids Fishing Event at Edgewater](#)

June 11, 2019

[Second District Community Relations Meeting](#)

June 18, 2019

[Culinary Crime Fighters](#)

June 19, 2019

[Fifth District Community Relations Meeting](#)

June 25, 2019

[Third District Community Relations Meeting](#)

July 9, 2019

[Second District Community Relations Meeting](#)

July 11, 2019

[First District Community Relations Meeting](#)

July 17, 2019

[Fifth District Community Relations Meeting](#)

July 30, 2019

[Kids Fish CLE for Free](#)

July 30, 2019

[Third District Community Relations Meeting](#)

Aug 1, 2019

[Pipeline Program Graduation at City Hall](#)

In the News Around Town

Competing with the Champs!

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Cops for Kids want to thank former UFC Heavyweight Champ Stipe Miocic and his coach Cleveland Police Officer Steve Kinas for participating in our annual pancake eating contest for The Children's Miracle Network. We are honored that you both took time to come out and help us raise money for such a worthy project. Stipe is a class act and we are extremely proud that you call Cleveland home!



Community Policing Unit Spends Quality Time with "Fathers Matter"

The Cleveland Police Community Policing Unit attended the Fathers Matter event at Zelma George Rec Center on Saturday, March 9. It was great to see all the kids and fathers having a great time! The fathers had an opportunity to teach their kids how to build wooden toys, cast a fishing rod, and play basketball! Cleveland Cops for Kids



and the Cleveland Police Foundation donated a new bicycle to be raffled off with a whole bunch of other great toys and gifts. Thank you to Councilman Blaine Griffin, Coach Mike, and Garnett Jamison for bringing fathers and kids together for some quality time!

Talking "Toxic Masculinity"

On March 16th, the youth driven Our Voices Matter Project ECHO led a discussion that was meaningful, enlightening and honest on "Toxic Masculinity" at the Tarblooders Barbershop in Glenville. It was a great opportunity to bring our police, youth, and adults together to address shared concerns in our community. The talk was led by Pipeline Leader and Americorps member Chenoa Miller and students from Paul Dunbar Elementary School, and the poem "Toxic Masculinity" by Gerard McClain was recited. The talk was extremely well received by everyone, and the students are already planning the next session!



Special thanks to Sergeant Vincent Montague, Sergeant Desmond Anderson, and Officers Carmen Hall, Rashawn Rahim and Mansell Baker for your support of our youth and commitment to our community.

CPF's Angela Bennett Featured on "Beyond The Call"



Angela sheds light on the Foundation's programming, which includes such fun youth events as "Cops for Kids" and "Cookin' with Cops," which helps to connect Law Enforcement with the community.

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!"

#POM

RE May 2019 Police Officer of the Month Sergeant Andy Ezzo

Tom Tomsick says, "Congratulations, Andy! I hope someone can one day take up your banner to resurrect the Fund's activity."

#CPOM

RE April 2019 Partners of the Month Joe Charboneau and Enzo Maddalena

Charles Lane says, "Well deserved! Good to see them recognized for their dedication and service to the community. Congratulations!"

#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 many events local police officers were involved in over just a short 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.

How to Organize a Neighborhood Watch Program!

Use the following suggestions to get residents interested in attending meetings for a Neighborhood Watch and to transform your group into a mobilized, successful one!

- Distribute flyers and telephone residents to invite them to the meeting
- Invite local groups and leaders
- Survey residents to discover neighborhood concerns
- Find a meeting place with enough seats for everyone
- Create a meeting agenda
- Prepare meeting room
- Keep the meeting brief & focused
- Make a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of members
- Decide on the first issue to tackle
- Divide duties so everyone is involved
- Set a date, time and place for the next meeting
- Meet once a month, on the same day of the month

The success of a Neighborhood Watch is directly related to the ongoing participation and support from each member of the Watch.

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Safety is everyone's business. Practice good safety measures. Stay alert; if you see something, say something.



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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.



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