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# THE PARTNER

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**This year is ying by!** Thanksgiving's over and Hanukkah and Christmas and New Year's Eve are fast approaching. The Cleveland Police Foundation wishes you a safe and festive December!



## Support the CPF on Black Friday

When you shop Black Friday deals at [smile.amazon.com/ch/83-0509855](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-0509855), AmazonSmile donates to The Cleveland Police Foundation! [Details here.](#)

## 9th Annual Holiday Party Dec. 7

The Cleveland Police Children's [9th Annual Holiday Party](#) will be held **Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Cleveland Public Hall (East 6th and Lakeside Avenue).

Children from throughout the city are invited to attend, and we anticipate over 1,000 youngsters partaking in this very special event. Food, games, activities and toy giveaways will be provided at no charge. This is a great opportunity to share the spirit of the holidays and give some of our community's children a memory to treasure forever.

## Skylight Foundation's Annual Toy Drive

Skylight Financial Group is kicking off its annual Holiday Toy Drive! [Get in the holiday spirit](#) and make a youngster's holiday extra bright. Plus, there's a fun [fundraising/networking event](#) **December 11.**



These are just a few of the activities this month! Please [follow our Facebook Page](#) to keep up-to-date on holiday inspiration.

## How to help the mission of the Cleveland Police Foundation



The Foundation's 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 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. **We invite you to become a Friend today!**



## **CPF Police Officer of the Month, November 2019: Sergeant Tryna McCaulley**

**Sergeant Tryna McCaulley** has faithfully served her community as a law enforcement officer since 1994 and currently works as the Officer in Charge of the Fifth District Detective Bureau.

Sergeant McCaulley works closely with the elderly whenever possible. She escorts them to financial institutions so they feel safe and ensures they have the resources they need through social workers and social programs. Tryna also has an active role in the lives of the children in the community through

her participation in the Police Athletic League. She visits schools to help educate the students in making good decisions at an early age.

When asked about Sergeant McCaulley's role in the Fifth District community, Lieutenant Marcus Montanaro stated "Tryna is always willing to help out with community events both during her work and while on her own time, some of which are not her area of responsibility. She has received notoriety for her participation in such events, however humbly does not look for such attention."

It is because of her dedication and devotion to the community she serves that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Sergeant Tryna McCaulley as its **Police Officer of the Month for November 2019**.

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



## Community Partners of the Month, November 2019: Cohen & Company

Our friends at the accounting firm of [Cohen & Co.](#) have generously donated their services to handle the Cleveland Police Foundation's taxes for the last three years!

Cohen & Co. recently assisted the CPF with taking over a charity that was started several years ago to help Cleveland Police officers who were battling serious illnesses or debilitating injuries. The charity, Helping Hands Hero Fund, was originally started to help First District Police Officer Hank Adkins

through his battle with ALS. After Hank's passing, the charity's goal was to assist any Cleveland Police officer battling a serious illness.

When Cohen & Co. finished wrapping up the tax paperwork of the charity, the Cleveland Police Foundation assumed management and distribution of the funds. The charity, which is now referred to as The Hero Fund, will lend a hand to qualifying officers with a one-time gift to assist them financially.

We cannot thank Cohen & Co. enough for donating these important services to CPF and helping us help others through our charitable efforts!!

It is because of this generosity in helping the community of Blue and in turn the City of Cleveland that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name **Cohen & Co. as its Community Partner of the Month for November 2019.**

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





# holiday TOY drive



Help us make this the biggest toy drive in Cleveland! Join the **Skylight Foundation** and the **Cleveland Police Foundation** in our effort to make the holidays better and brighter for those less fortunate. Fill the hearts and lives of local kids this holiday season by contributing to this year's toy drive. Here's how you can get involved:

## Donate unwrapped gifts

Bring **unwrapped** gifts, between **11/18-12/13**, suitable for children ages newborn-18, to: Skylight Financial Group - **2012 W. 25th Street, Suite 900, Cleveland OH 44113**

## Attend our networking event

Join us as we celebrate the success of this year's drive on **Wednesday, December 11th** from **5-7pm** (address above). This networking event is open to all networking groups and any individuals looking to attend. The night will include food, beverages, and will feature members of the Cleveland Police Foundation speaking about the impact of the Toy Drive throughout the years. You might even catch special guest, **Santa Claus!** Admission is one new, **unwrapped** toy or a \$20 donation to the Skylight Foundation.

## For more information, please contact:

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November 18 - December 13, 2019

## "BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

December 5, 2019

First District Community Relations  
Committee Meeting

December 10, 2019

Second District Community Relations  
Committee Meetings

7:00-8:00 pm

**December 7, 2019**

**9th Annual Cleveland Police Children's  
Holiday Party**

City of Cleveland Public Hall,  
500 Lakeside Ave. E,  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
9:00 am-5:00 pm

6:30-7:30 pm

**December 11, 2019**

**Holiday Toy Drive Fundraiser**

**December 18, 2019**

**Fifth District Community Relations  
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 pm

## In the News Around Town



### Officer Derek Owens Memorial Park Dedication

A special gathering to honor Officer Owens occurred on this brisk November morning. Many community partners and organizations had come together to make the **Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park** possible. The reflective park is in the memory of Officer Owens and in unity with his family as a way for the community to show their respect and condolences.

Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens was shot and killed in March 2008 while responding to a call on Parkview Avenue in the Fourth District. He loved serving his community and left behind his wife, Ericka,



his two children Sydni and Chandler, his parents, Wayne and Barbara, and his sister Dawn.

The Cleveland Police Foundation is the owner in perpetuity and will provide the maintenance and upkeep of the park.

Thank you to all who contributed to make this tribute a reality!



## Area Police and FBI Hoop for Hunger at St. Ignatius

On Saturday, November 16, 2019 the first annual **Hooping for Hunger Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament** was held at the St. Ignatius Gymnasium. On hand to participate were teams from Elyria PD, Mentor PD, FBI, Ohio State Patrol and the Cleveland Division of Police. It was a very competitive atmosphere and physical at times, but mutual respect from all teams was prevalent. In the end, receiving the winners trophy was the team from Elyria who outlasted Team FBI.

Also in the winners circle were the local hunger centers that received canned donations and 100% of the monetary donations. When asked about the tournament, Community Policing Commander Johnny Johnson stated, "This was a very successful event considering it was our first time putting the tournament together and we would like to be able to invite more teams next year and really help the hunger centers even more."

A big thanks goes out to all the teams that participated, all the volunteers and the following sponsors, Setta Trophy, Adlers, CPPA, Black Shield Club, Cleveland Food Bank and the Cleveland Police Foundation. See you all next year!



## Tumbling at John Marshall

**First District Community Engagement Officer Kerry Adams** helping out the **John Marshall High School cheerleading team** with their tumbling, after the Marshall cheerleading coach called on Kerry because of her many years of gymnastics training and coaching. Bellaire-Puritas Development Corp also raised funds to get mats for the team. Great job by Officer Adams for helping these young ladies and our CMSD partners!

## We get mail!

**#TheFoundation**

**Tryna McCaulley:** "Great organization that cares about the community as well as our officers."



**Terri Pekarcik:** "This Foundation gives & does SO much for their Community! Absolutely WONDERFUL!"

## **#OwensDedication**

**Denise San Antonio Zeman:** "A wonderful celebration of life 🍷"

**Greater Cleveland Chorus:** "It was truly our pleasure and it was an honor to be involved in such a touching dedication ceremony for Officer Derek Owens. The park is beautiful! Thank you, Captain Sulzer, for inviting us to join you!"

**Rose Roy:** "Today was a special day for the Owens family. A day to reflect on a Cleveland Police Officer just doing his job and his life taken way to soon."

## **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.*

### Holiday Safety Tips!

#### At Home

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime.

#### Driving During the Holidays

While festive and wonderful, the holidays also come with some additional concerns when driving, parking and returning from shopping.

#### While Shopping

You may already take precautions such as avoiding carrying large amounts of cash; here are

some other things to consider while shopping this time of year.

### Children and Holiday Shopping

Tips to help you keep your children safe while shopping.

### Winter Driving I

A few safety tips to help you lessen the chances of having an accident or getting stuck in frigid conditions.

### Winter Driving II

They say there are two seasons in Cleveland: winter and summer. Even if you are an experienced driver, you can do well by reviewing these tips.

### Charitable Giving

The Ohio Attorney General offers these tips regarding charitable solicitation/giving.

### Dogs and Food

During the holidays, it's good to keep in mind that some foods are not good for dogs – especially because many are fed scraps this time of year. Here are ten foods to look out for.

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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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