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# THE PARTNER

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## The Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Patrol Officer Mark Williams as our December 2020 Police Officer of the Month

**Patrol Officer Mark Williams** of the Cleveland Division of Police First District has been a basic patrol officer for his entire career and totally understands the importance of giving back to the community!

One day while on patrol, Officer Williams saw a young child pedaling a bike in his yard and not going anywhere. Upon further observation, he saw that the bike was missing the rear wheel. There were several other children playing in the yard and a couple of broken tricycles and bicycles lying around – none of which were rideable. Officer Williams went to his residence, picked up two tricycles he had at home, gave them to the kids and stated he would return in the near future with bikes for the others.

The next day the officer placed a request for bikes on Facebook and contacted Pastor Justin from his church (Grace Baptist of Brunswick Ohio) and within one week he was able to deliver seven bikes for the children. Officer Mark along with now retired Captain Keith Sulzer, were also instrumental in providing over two hundred bikes to our city's refugees at

the Gateway West Church on Triskett Road. Additionally, in his spare time Williams has been one of the officers that has maintained and equipped the First District gym.

It is because of his dedication and devotion to the community he serves and his fellow officers that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Mark Williams its **Police Officer of the Month for December 2020**.

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



## December 2020 Community Partner of the Month

**Evelyn Badeas** (shown above with retired CPD Captain Keith Sulzer) has been supporting the events of the Cleveland Police Foundation for the last six years!

Ms. Badeas has been extremely generous with her time and money in helping the CPF help those in need in our community. Evelyn sells tickets to CPF fundraisers and assists with the set-up of the Kids Christmas parties for struggling families. Throughout the year, she shops for closeout deals and sales, spending hundreds of dollars of her own money to purchase toys and children's clothing. These are donated to the CPF Christmas events and the annual Providence House Baby Shower.

Retired CPD Captain Keith Sulzer says, "Evelyn is incredibly generous and is always looking for opportunities to help CPF and CPD with our giving events. What's even more special is she brings along her children to help, making her presence even more impactful and being a wonderful example to her kids on what it is to give back to your community!!"

It is because of her generosity and dedication to her community that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Evelyn Badeas as its **Community Partner of the Month for December 2020**.

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



## The Christmas Spirit is Alive and Well in Cleveland!

The 6th Annual Christmas Toy Drive, normally hosted as a Skylight Financial networking event, instead became our overwhelmingly successful Stuff-the-Truck event.

This year, we had roughly 3,000 toys donated and \$20,000 raised. This, combined with Skylight Foundation's contribution matches, brings the total amount raised for our toy drive efforts to \$31,000!

Using this we supported our wonderful friends at A Special Wish Foundation-Cleveland Chapter, through which we distributed over \$5,000 in gifts to 10 Special Wish Foundation families with children battling serious illnesses.

We'd like to give a big thanks to Skylight Financial and the Skylight Foundation, Steelyard Target, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley and staff, Margaret Bernstein and Channel 3, and of course the Cleveland Police Department for making this event a reality.

Cleveland's generosity has been humbling and inspiring for all involved. Many thanks to everyone who donated, all our volunteers and staff, Santa, and even the Grinch, for making us truly believe in the wonder and magic of Christmas!

### Second District Kids Christmas Drive-Through

Despite the cold and rainy conditions, nothing could dampen holiday spirit. A big thanks to The Cleveland Police



Foundation, Skylight Foundation, Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, and from the Cleveland Division of Police Second District, Community Relations, Community Relations Committee, and all of the volunteers and donors.



### **Bringing Gifts and Gladness Within the Third District**

Cops for Kids teamed up with Councilman Basheer Jones, Cleveland Police from Community Relations and the Third District, and Channel 3 to distribute toys and pizza to families in need. Thank you to the Cleveland Police Foundation, Skylight Foundation, and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office for generously donating to this cause!



### **Stockings from W-E School of Innovation**

CPF and Cleveland Police thank Willoughby-Eastlake's School of Innovation for donating over 340 Christmas stockings to children in Cleveland. For 12 years these kids have been donating to those in our community who are in need of help. We couldn't imagine another Christmas without witnessing the true meaning of giving.



### **A Special Porch Makeover**

Cleveland Cops for Kids hooked up with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters to repair the front porch of Cleveland resident Ramath, whose wife tragically died while giving birth while battling COVID. Ramath is now a single father raising two-year-old and seven-month-old sons. Channel 3 recently did a story on Ramath and family and asked for assistance in making this Christmas a little bit brighter for the family. A big



thanks and Merry Christmas to our partners at the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and to Ramath and family!

### **"Operation Warm"**

First District Community Engagement Officers Kerry Adams, Juan DeJesus, and Lyniece Turner (with assistance from Detective Bill Adams) conducted Operation Warm. The goal of Operation Warm is simple: to provide coats to families in need in our community. Over 300 coats, gloves, and hats were distributed. Kudos to the First District officers for continuing to serve and protect! Special thanks to CareSource and Oak Street Health who also donated coats, gloves, and hats.

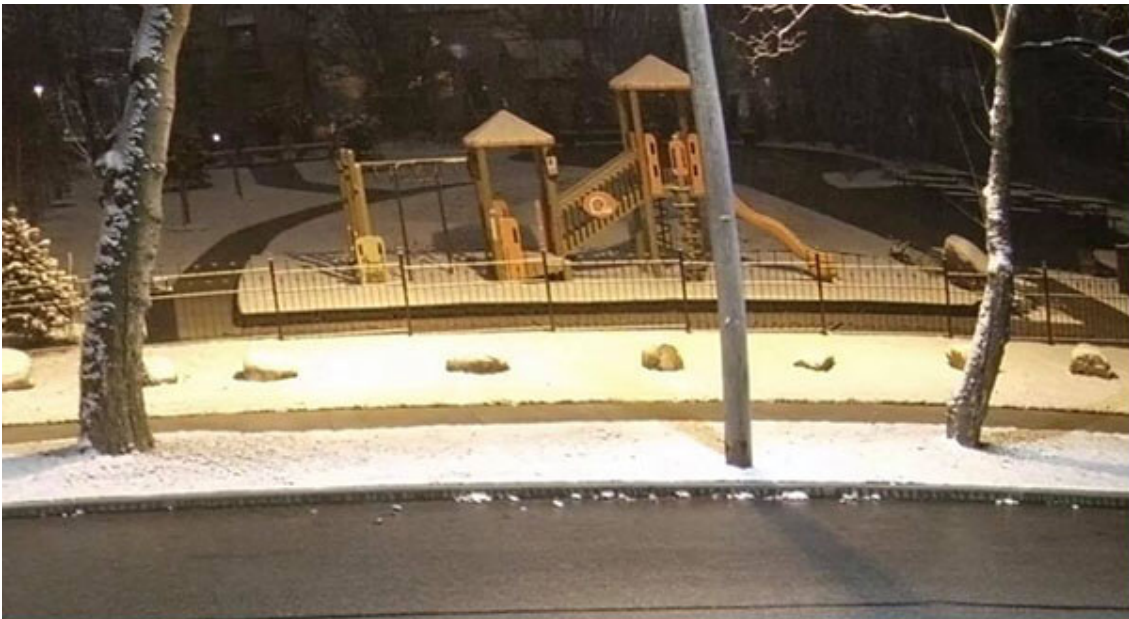


### **Calling Santa Sulzer!**

When it's the day before Christmas and a call is made to the Cleveland Police Foundation informing us that there are two families in need of presents for their kids, who do you call? Why of course we call Santa Sulzer! Santa Sulzer saved the day to ensure those kids had smiles on their faces for Christmas morning. Thank you once again to Santa Sulzer for always being there when we need you!

– Bob Guttu, CPF Community Outreach Coordinator





## **Calm and Peace at Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park**

**Winter belies the activity the park will experience from the neighborhood this spring!** The Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park, located on Parkview Avenue in the Cleveland Police Fourth District, was created in memory of Officer Owens and in unity with his family as a way for the community to show its 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 park was built by The Cleveland Police Foundation for the enjoyment of the neighborhood. The CPF owns the park in perpetuity and will continue to provide its maintenance and upkeep.

An ongoing tribute to an outstanding Patrol Officer, Derek Owens.

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## Thank you to WKYC's "It's About You" for Spreading the Word!

We are thankful to WKYC for spreading the word about the mission of the Cleveland Police Foundation. The Foundation's Director, Richard DeChant, appeared three times on "It's About You" in December. [Catch the latest one here.](#)

## We get mail

### *Thanks to our Officers from the community*

"Great People doing a Great Job! They are The Best!!!!" 

- Sally Adams

"You guys are awesome, thank you!"

- Lisa Fox

### *A special porch makeover*

"This right here is what it's all about! Thank you to all who helped out this family!"

- Nikole Lawrence

### *The drive-through Santa experience*

"We have a 9yr old who was on the fence this year as to whether or not she was a believer. The second she saw him, she yelled, "IT'S HIM, IT'S HIM! THAT'S THE REAL SANTA! Look, he even wears his special cloak because it's cold. He looks so royal!" (I think I even believe again now.)"

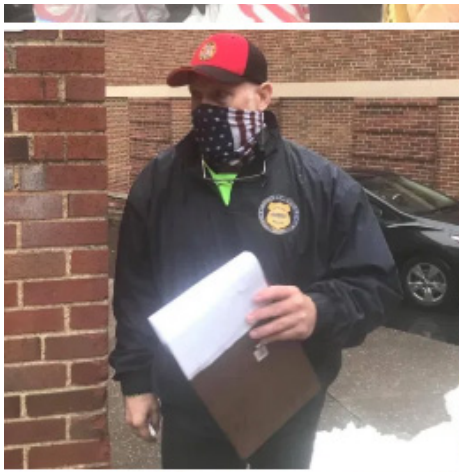
- A Happy Grandparent

# CPF and Police Officers in the Community

Simply amazing amount of work – impossible to track it all! [Here are photos](#) from a handful of the many different events local Police Officers were involved in over just a one month period.







## 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 residents can help to make our community safer.*

### Even skin that is protected can be subject to frostbite...

Frostbite is the most common injury resulting from exposure to severe cold, and it usually occurs on fingers, toes, nose, ears, cheeks and skin. If caught early, it is possible to prevent permanent damage. Superficial frostbite affects the skin's surface, while the underlying tissue remains soft. The skin appears white, waxy or grayish-yellow and is cold and numb. If you suspect frostbite:



- Get indoors immediately.
- Seek medical attention.
- Remove constrictive clothing and jewelry that could impair circulation.
- Place dry, sterile gauze between toes and fingers to absorb moisture and keep them from sticking together.
- Elevate the affected area to reduce pain and swelling.

- For superficial frostbite, you may also place the affected area in water that is 100 to 105 degrees until the tissue softens.

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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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