



May Police Officer of the Month Patrol Officer Anthony Lee

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VISION '21 CAMPAIGN



Cleveland Police Foundation Announces \$500,000 Vision '21 Fundraising Campaign to Bring Communities Closer to Police

Now is time to invest in our communities, not defund police

The Cleveland Police Foundation Board has determined that now is the perfect time to invest in a fundraising campaign designed to bring the Cleveland Division of Police and its officers closer to the communities they serve—transforming them from warriors to

guardians, according to Rick DeChant, Foundation Executive Director. The Vision '21 kicks off in June 2021.

"Now is not the time to defund. It's time to invest. The Cleveland Police Foundation has established itself as the bridge between police officers and the community producing measurable results from our participation in the cultural transformation, ShotSpotter, summer pipeline and Heroes programs," said DeChant. "Our advancement committee and board will lead the way in terms of obtaining funding, donors and sponsorships. The Foundation will serve as the driver for the \$500,000 we wish to raise over the next two years."

According to the Foundation, there are six critically important areas requiring financial support from the Vision '21 campaign.

One: Implement "Cultural" Transformation in each of the Cleveland Police Districts across the city. With the community's help, we can build on the success of the pilot program implemented in District 4 that improved internal relationships and operations, and helps police officers to be more empathetic and culturally responsive to the communities and neighborhoods they serve.



Two: Introduce Technology designed to fight crime on the streets, save lives and track down perpetrators. ShotSpotter technology has been installed on a trial basis in a high crime area to pinpoint the location of gun shots via sensitive audio equipment enabling rapid response that is already saving lives and taking weapons out of our neighborhoods.

Three: Address the demographic and gender diversity on the force. Our Public Safety Career Pipeline Program engages high school students in underserved areas to equip them with the skills necessary for successful careers in public safety. The program closes the gap between graduation and the eligibility age to apply for police division opportunities—thus creating a "pipeline of qualified" candidates.

Four: Expand the interaction between police officers and citizens through support of Community Policing activities such as "Fishing with Cops" that draws hundreds of children to experience Lake Erie—often for the first time.

Five: Increase the capacity for Police Charities including the Police Athletic League, Cops for Kids, Cleveland Mounted Police, Pipes & Drums and Honor Guard, and The Cleveland Police Historical Society and Museum to better support Community Policing efforts.

Six: Support the welfare and mental health of Cleveland Police Officers who face incredibly stressful circumstances in pursuit of their duties. Our signature Heroes Fund

provides support of families and special considerations for fallen officers and their dependents.

The Cleveland Police Foundation has developed an integrated marketing communications campaign that will include public relations, direct mail, digital marketing, collateral, speakers' bureau and grant writing initiatives.

"Now, we will be reaching out to corporations, foundations and individuals who want to invest in Cleveland's police officers and our communities to make them closer than we have ever been," DeChant concluded. "In today's world, there is less and less support for our men and women in blue. The Cleveland Police Foundation is not a part of the Cleveland Police Department. We are a completely separate organization dedicated to helping police officers with their unfunded needs and underwriting programs designed to improve the way police interact with the community and changing how the community views our police force. It is a mission we wholeheartedly embrace."

For more information about the Vision '21 Campaign, go to www.clevelandpolicefoundation.com/vision21 or call 216.536.6776.

Become a Member



The Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Patrol Officer Anthony Lee as the May 2021 Police Officer of the Month

Patrol Officer Anthony Lee is a conscientious and dedicated individual who cares about the community he serves and has a special place in his heart for children!

Officer Lee has created the “Cops & Clippers” program that provides disadvantaged youth in the First District with a free haircut. The program works as follows: an officer or individual donates or purchases a ticket for \$10.00 which is then handed out to a neighborhood youth. This of course is an excellent way not only for our officers to engage with the young people in the community, but also to help make them feel confident about their appearance.

When asked about this new concept, former First District Commander and now Deputy Chief Daniel Fay stated “The ‘Cops & Clippers’ program is a great opportunity for officers to engage with the young people in our community, and to build positive relationships between the police and the citizens we serve.”

Officer Lee is very pleased that other officers have stepped up and accepted a role in this endeavor and he hopes to expand the “Cops & Clippers” program throughout the city of Cleveland.

It is because of his dedication to the youth in the community and his overall devotion to his profession that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Anthony Lee as its **Police Officer of the Month for May 2021**.

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



May 2021 Community Partner of the Month

Chef Bruno DiSiena, through his namesake restaurant Bruno’s Ristorante, has been a wonderful community partner to the Second District of the Cleveland Division of Police!

Chef Bruno has generously donated food and catering services to a number of events, including the annual Second District Awards Ceremony. Bruno’s Ristorante is a very unique place to eat and has made Cleveland’s “A” list of top 100 restaurants for 10 years in a row.

Commander Thomas Stacho stated, "Throughout the years, Bruno has had food delivered to the Second District as a 'Thank You' to the officers for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to the Second District neighborhood that he calls home. Bruno and Bruno's Ristorante are true community partners and very deserving of this honor and recognition."

It is because of the devotion shown to the women and men in Blue that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Bruno's Ristorante as its **Community Partner of the Month for May 2021**.

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

Congratulations to Detective Wilson Santos on your Retirement!

Congratulations to Detective Wilson Santos #301 who retired after 20 years of service to the City of Cleveland! Wilson served on the board of the HPOA for many years and volunteered hundreds of hours in our community!



BOLO

JULY 10, 2021

Serbian Golf Outing Dinner & Music

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

[Information](#)

SEPT 17, 2021

Ohio Heroes Golf Outing

Remembering Det. James Skernivitz and
Officer Brandon Stalker

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In the News Around Town

September 17: Ohio Heroes Golf Outing

Join us September 17th as we remember Detective James Skernivitz and Officer Brandon Stalker at 4350

Mayfair Rd. in Uniontown, Ohio. Individual tickets are \$100; \$400 per term.



Golf: 18 holes with cart;

Breakfast: Coffee and donuts

Beverages: Canned pop, beer, bottled water, and Gatorade

Lunch: All-Beef 4/1 Hot Dog or Italian sausage.

Dinner: Steak, baked potato, pasta, garden salad, dinner roll, cookies, soft drinks, water

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Paying Respect to the Fallen

The Cleveland Police Mounted Unit led the police memorial parade on Friday, May 21 with a riderless horse in memory of our fallen officer, Detective James Skernivitz.

The Mounted Unit is always honored to lead the police memorial parade with the riderless horse.

To help with the care of the horses, please visit the website for [The Cleveland Police Mounted Unit Charitable Trust](#).

Thank you!



Beautification Day at Wade Park School

With support from Target, Cleveland Police, The Cleveland Police Foundation, Cleveland UMADAOP, scholars and families, school staff and police, friends and sponsors spent Saturday, May 15 working hard to enhance the grounds around Wade Park School.

The school, part of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, is located at 7600 Wade Park Avenue in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood. The crew, featuring Principal Dr. Lee Clinton Buddy Jr., planted begonias, 264 annuals, Miscanthus grass, and dianthus perennials.

These wonderful flowers will reflect a strong bond between the Cleveland Police and the community all summer long!



Newly Sworn in Members of the Cleveland Police Auxiliary Unit

A great shout of appreciation to these new Cleveland Police Auxiliary Officers. The volunteer officers will support police during community events, traffic situations, serve as neighborhood watchdogs, and by assignment. Their dedication and commitment to our city will not go unnoticed!

A special thanks goes to Johnny Johnson, Commander of the Bureau of Community Relations for administering the oath.

The Bureau of Community Relations is always recruiting dedicated volunteers to help assist the Cleveland Division of Police and community. Contact P.O. Ashley Graham for additional information at agraham2@clevelandohio.gov or (216) 623-3329.

To our new Cleveland Police Auxiliary Officers, thank you for helping to keep Cleveland safe!

Promoting Literacy

This awesome neighborhood event was held recently with donations from the Cleveland Police Foundation, Cops for Kids, Skylight Foundation, and Skylight Financial!!

Retired Cleveland Police Captain Keith Sulzer stopped by to help all the donors and volunteers including [Shawn Literacy](#) and the [Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association](#).

A happy summer of reading to all!



Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park

Retired Cleveland Police Captain Keith Sulzer says, "Cutting the grass at Derek Owens' Memorial Park is a labor of love, and to see the families there makes it all worthwhile. Today a group of older men were there doing their weekly bodyweight workout and commented how great it is to have this oasis in their neighborhood!"



The park was dedicated in November 2019 with the help of the family of Derek Owens and the Cleveland Police Foundation—joining together with support from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, St. Luke's Foundation, Cleveland Foundation, LAND studio and other community partners.

There are reflective walking paths made from the sandstone foundations of demolished neighborhood structures, new plantings and trees—including favorites of Officer Owens—and a play set, courtesy of the Cleveland Browns.

Chili Bowl Classic at the Hofbräuhaus

Held at Hofbräuhaus Cleveland, this cookoff was part of the fundraising event, the 34th Annual Cleveland Chili Bowl Classic 5K held on Sunday, June 6. The Community Relations Unit of the Cleveland Division of Police fired up a great WINNING bowl of chili! Officers Diaz and Calhoun's entry beat out seven other



chili entries from Cleveland Fire and the Cleveland Police Foundation!

Bikes for Kids!

Cleveland Cops for Kids did it again! Cops for Kids was able to donate two bikes to the children of Malachi Center. A special thanks go to Ms. Lynn and Ms. Keesha for inviting officers to the Malachi Center's Annual Family Fun Day.



We get mail!

#SantosRetirement

"Thank you and congratulations Sir! Enjoy your retirement! 💖💖💖"—Chris Jaworski

"Congrats! Thank you for your service and for being a great role model for others!"—Joanne Velez Rodriguez

#FreeBooks

"Thanks for Your #Support .. Parents Children Caregivers need access to Free Books 📖 Literacy in the HOOD gives them that access 📖"—Shawn Literacy



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.

Gun Safety: Firearm Safety Tips

Nearly all firearm accidents in the home can be prevented when gun owners take simple precautions, and proper storage is the number one way to help prevent accidents.

- Always keep the firearm's muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you actually intend to shoot.
- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use.
- Be sure to read the manual on your firearm so you know how it operates.
- Store your firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case when not in use.
- Store your ammunition in a locked location separate from your firearms.
- Make sure young people in your home are aware of and understand the safety guidelines concerning firearms. Inform them that if they find an unattended firearm in their home or a neighbor's to not touch it, and tell an adult immediately.
- Always unload, clean and place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after returning from a hunting trip or a day at the range.

- When handling a gun, rest your finger outside the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Don't touch the trigger until you are actually ready to fire.
- DO NOT point the firearm at anything you are not intending to shoot.

Gun Safety Series

- [Firearm Safety Tips](#)
- [Protecting Our Children](#)
- [Talking With Your Child About Guns](#)

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The Cleveland Police Foundation is the official charity for the Cleveland Division of Police and the only organization authorized to solicit charitable contributions on its behalf.

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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