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HISTORY

The Cleveland Police Foundation was founded in 2010 by the then Chief of Police Michael McGrath, and leading business and community leaders. Independent of the Division of Police and City’s political leadership, the Foundation was patterned after the larger New York City Police Foundation, and committed to the idea that an educated, well-trained, and modernly equipped police department results in a safer community for all.

NARROWED FOCUS

Challenging times with public distrust of police, the explosion of juvenile crime, and dangerous levels of stress experienced by peace officers have necessitated narrowing the Foundation’s mission to focus investment on three primary areas.

1. **Building bridges of trust and understanding between police and the community.**
2. **Creating opportunities for positive police interaction with kids.**
3. **Enhancing the mental health and wellness of police officers.**

COPS & KIDS

The Foundation is partnering with community organizations and police charities such as PAL

(Police Athletic League) to scale-up interactive programs for underserved inner-city kids to learn, work and play with police officers as role models. Investments include:

- Increase the number of “Fishing with Cops” events to accommodate hundreds more youngsters.
- Expand athletic opportunities such as wrestling, rowing and sailing, and support for PAL’s Golden Gloves Program.
- Launch interactive arts events pairing cops and kids with interests in music, cooking, painting murals, and more.

HELPING COPS COPE

Heroes Fund: Continue to assist the families of officers killed in the line of duty, and with duty-related health issues,

Community Policing: Underwrite community engagement activities to extend the reach of the Community Relations Unit.

Support Mental Health: Fund therapy dogs in each Police District, and invest in innovative programs like Mindfulness and Yoga to relieve stress,

Recognition: Show appreciation by putting the spotlight on “exceptional” police work.



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