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Sergeant Jose Torres and Patrol Officers Albert Buccini, Scott Floyd and Rick Varnell

CPF Police Officers of the Month, September 2018: Sergeant Jose Torres and Patrol Officers Rick Varnell, Albert Buccini, and Scott Floyd

The Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to honor our officers on a monthly basis who go beyond the call of duty when practicing Community Policing in their respective districts. Our September 2018 recipients are a prime example of this.

Fourth District Sergeant Jose Torres with **Patrol Officers Rick Varnell, Albert Buccini, and Scott Floyd** responded to an assignment for the death of a 21-year-old. The officers stayed on the scene to comfort

the family, even purchasing lunch out of their own pockets. While on the scene, family Pastor Greg McCurry observed the officers and was so taken by their compassion and caring that he chronicled their visit on Facebook.

"I've never seen this before in my life. I've been around in the streets. I've seen (police) interact with people. But when I got there these four officers in the 4th District wrapped themselves around the whole situation. They didn't have to do that. They could have gone on their runs and did what they had to do. But for them to come back and minister to this family, it changed everybody's life. I didn't look at them as police officers, I looked at them as serving the community. We do have some good police officers out here and today I witnessed four of them. These were people who were doing something from their heart that made the difference. It wasn't a badge. It was his heart. That's what made the difference today."

It is because of this compassion and caring that the Cleveland Police Foundation recognizes Sergeant Jose Torres and Patrol Officers Rick Varnell, Albert Buccini, and Scott Floyd as the **Police Officers of the Month for September 2018**.

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



September Community Partner of the Month Skylight Financial Group

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What started as a chance introduction by Ohio City entrepreneur Sam McNulty has turned into an incredible partnership! Sam introduced Captain Keith Sulzer, the Cleveland Police Foundation Liaison, to Mark Owens of **Skylight Financial Group**, knowing that both have a true passion for their Cleveland community. Since that introduction, Skylight Financial Group has taken up the cause of bringing police officers together with the community they serve, most importantly the children of Cleveland.

Over the last four years, Skylight Financial Group has donated thousands of new toys to the Cleveland Police Foundation's Cops for Kids program, providing Christmas presents for literally thousands of needy children and their families. Cops for Kids has received so many toys that we are now able to give out toys all year round to kids at MetroHealth's Pediatric Unit and simply through Random Acts of Giving.

Jeff Zemito of Skylight Financial Group recently received a grant from the Mass Mutual Foundation for \$10,000 to go toward our CPF Cops for Kids programs. Skylight Financial Group's Paul Fox, Michael Connole, Dan Brennan, Jeff Zemito, Jonathon Goldston, and Mark Owens, as well as the entire organization, have truly made a difference in our community and we at the Cleveland Police Foundation are incredibly appreciative of their efforts.

It is because of this effort to assist and provide for the children in the community that the Cleveland Police Foundation names Skylight Financial Group its **Community Partner of the Month for September 2018**.

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



August Community Partner of the Month Bridget Pauly

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While travelling to several schools last winter, particularly Thomas Jefferson International Newcomer's Academy, we noticed many of the children did not have proper school shoes to deal with our winter weather. Many children from refugee families were still in sandals and did not have socks. The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cops for Kids held a fundraiser to help buy school shoes for our CMSD students and raised about \$3,000.

When seeking out a shoe store that could help us we were fortunate to find good friend **Bridget Pauly** from Payless Shoesource at Steelyard Commons. Without hesitation, she jumped at the chance to help us help these children. Bridget and Payless offered us discounted prices and even pitched in to provide each child with a pack of socks, allowing us to buy shoes and socks for 125 children from six schools.

We would show up with 20 students and Bridget would single-handedly get each child taken care of politely and efficiently. Due to the money saved from discounts we were able to take each group of kids to Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream for a treat after a trip. One young lady who was displaced from Puerto Rico because of hurricane damage remarked that she had no idea school here would be so much fun with the police!

It is because of this going the extra mile for children in need that the Cleveland Police Foundation names Bridget Pauly its **Community Partner of the Month for August 2018**.

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



TRIBUTE TO THE BLUE CELEBRATION ON TRACK FOR BIGGEST BENEFIT EVER IN MARCH 2019

Due to circumstances behind the committee's control, the Tribute to the Blue Celebration has been rescheduled for Thursday, **March 7, 2019**. The silver lining with the postponement is the extra time to make the Celebration an amazing and memorable event. Beginning next month, and continuing until the event, watch this space for a preview of a different aspect of the Tribute. This event will sell out! Don't wait, and [buy your tickets now](#).

[Tickets and Info about Tribute to the Blue](#)

Thank you to Tito's and Pete Miragliotta!

The Cleveland Police Foundation thanks [Tito's Handmade Vodka](#) for donating \$5,000 to be used for police canines in the greater Cleveland area. [Tenable Protection Service's](#) Pete Miragliotta helped coordinate the donation.

CPF's Bob Guttu was on hand to accept the check along with Officer Dennis Bort and his canine partner from Berea PD.

The check was presented to CPF by Shotgun Taylor of 99.5 WGAR and Jeff Tanchak of Channel 19 at the WGAR Country Jam at the Berea Fairgrounds on Saturday. Thank you to Tito's and Pete Miragliotta for caring for our canine partners!



CPF's Bob Guttu, Officer Dennis Bort and his canine partner from the Berea PD are happy to be presented with this generous donation from Tito's.

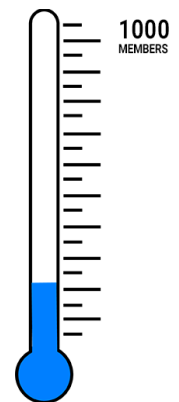
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Become a **FRIEND** of the Cleveland Police Foundation.



Help with our challenge: 1,000 Friends of the Cleveland Police Foundation by December 31, 2018!

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

October 5

November 29

Concerto in Blue Concert (Honoring
Officer David Fahey)

GCPOMS Night at the Races

November 16
Cookin' With Cops

March 7, 2019
Tribute to the Blue

In the News Around Town



November 16: Cookin' with Cops

Five teams made up of Police Officers and kids (one Officer and three children) will compete in the cook-off at Tri-C. We invite you to come out and support your District! [More info...](#)



Ride-2-Achieve Recap

Thanks to all the Officers and community support who came out to help with the September 2018 second annual [Ride-2-Achieve](#) event! We appreciate [this video](#) from WKYC about an R-2-A event earlier this year as well. Ride-2-Achieve is a Cleveland Police-led community bike ride to engage and motivate students to come to school every day and achieve success, both academically and as citizens of their community. [Read the article . . .](#)





August Fishing Outing Recap

We had a great time at August's Fishing Outing with kids. Thanks to Johnny E. Hamm for these awesome photos! [Read the article . . .](#)



Cops n Cribs

Tysherra and her children were thrilled for the new crib and we surprised them with some diapers and toys for the whole crew!

[Read the story...](#)

Pre-order your 2019 "Dog and Pony Show" calendar today!

Woof woof! **Time to send in pre-orders** for our new 2019 *Dog and Pony Calendar*. Featuring beautiful shots of the K-9 dogs and horses in the Cleveland Mounted Unit, this first edition calendar will be a collector's item! Proceeds benefit the Cleveland Police Foundation. Pre-ordered calendars will start shipping October 2018.

Photography services are provided as a courtesy from **Greg Murray Photography**.



How to Purchase

We get mail!

#CommunityPartneroftheMonth

August's Community Partner of the Month Bridget Pauly: Truly loved seeing the smiles of all of these children! Thank you for bringing them into our store and into our hearts! This is a great honor.

We thank Bridget of Payless for her caring actions in helping children obtain new shoes!

#ClevelandCopsCare

Brigitta Sinreich: "There are still a lot of great people in this world who are a positive inspiration for the rest of us.....they just don't get any press! Love you all for what you do every day to help others!"

This is in regard to House of Champions, the dream of Sr. Nanette Zeimet and a collaborative effort between the Sisters of Notre Dame in Chardon, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, and Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity. The house is an after school refuge for ten children from Metro Catholic, Urban Community, and St Rocco's, who learn a variety of skills, and get guidance from volunteers to assist with their homework.

Robin Richards: Grace Leon is amazing! She's been a huge support to my family since my nephew, David J. Fahey Jr, was killed in the line of duty last January. Thank you, Grace! May God continue to bless you and your family!

*Inside Cleveland's homicide unit, **a special team offers help** for people caught up in violent crime and one of those helping is the wife of an officer killed in the line of duty, Grace Leon, who is still helping. Her husband, Officer Wayne Leon, died 18 years ago.*

#OfficerNguyen

Phuong Nguyen: "Sweet and very touching!! Our brother, Vu Nguyen " A hero remembered never dies..!!"

Again, thank you to Cleveland Police Department, communities and people for your overwhelming love and respect to our brother, sister-in-law, Holli Nguyen and the children."

Holli Nguyen: Thank you for this beautiful tribute. We received a realistic sketch from a forensic artist Jonny Castro from Philadelphia. I'm so thankful for all of the support from our Blue family from far and near. Captain Keith G. Sulzer and the Brothers Before Others organization personally delivered the portrait from New York. Chief Calvin Williams and Justin Herdman also delivered a beautiful speech and certificate from the U.S. Attorney General. So honored, thank you.

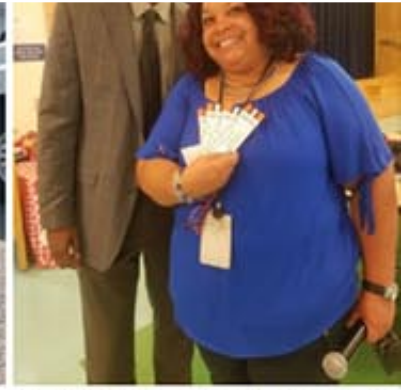
The Cleveland Police Foundation teamed up with Brothers Before Others to honor and celebrate the life and career of P.O. Vu Nguyen, where the family received the gift of a sketch of Officer Nguyen from the talented forensic artist Johnny Castro.

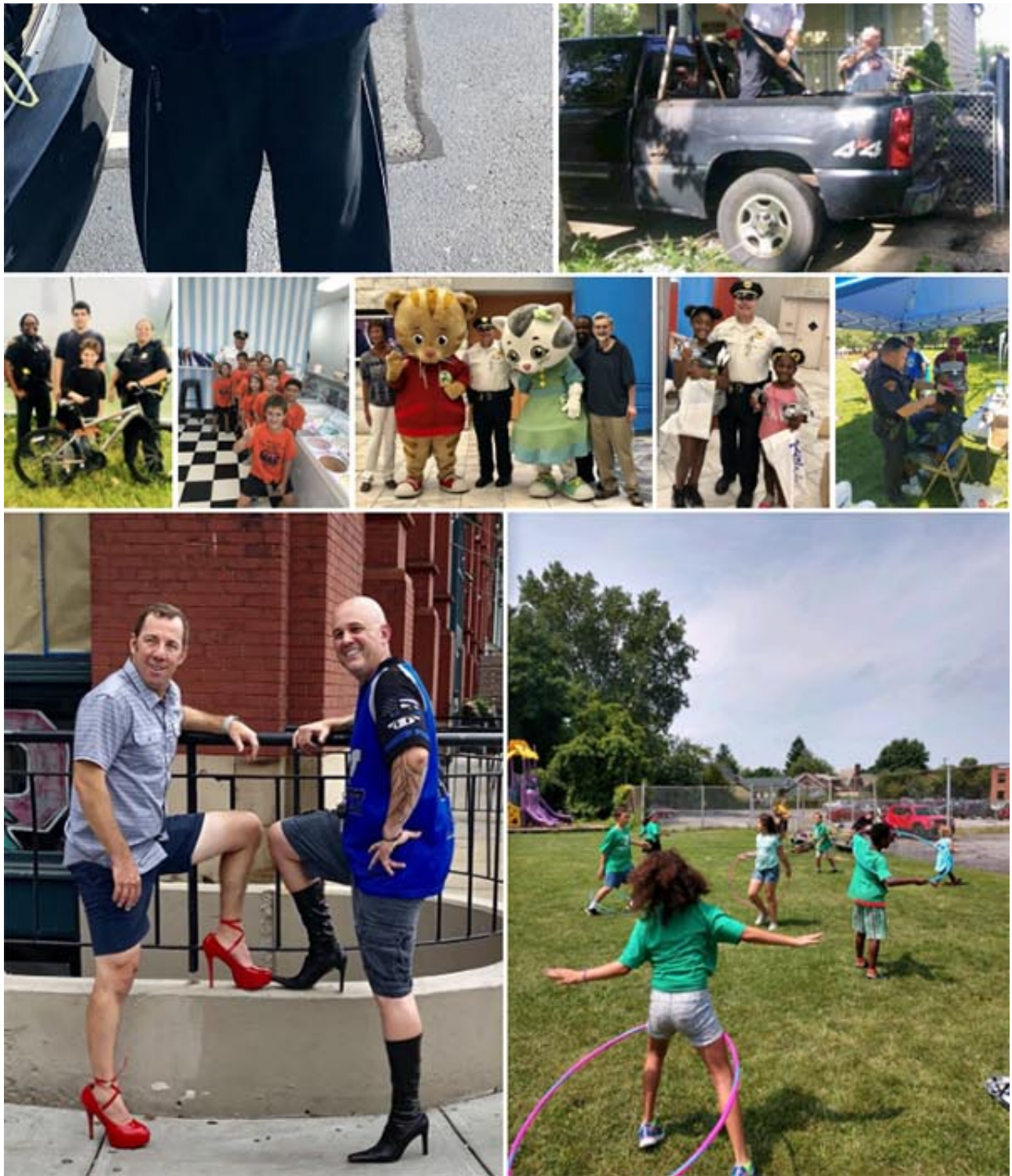
Recap photos . . .

Simply amazing amount of work - impossible to track it all! Here are photos from 22 different events local Police Officers were involved in in over just a once month period. Most events helped the community and children!

[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 present these tips so citizens can help to make our community safer.

Summer Safety Tip Series

Summer hosts its own special concerns - stay safe!

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.



Contributions to the CPF are tax deductible under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code.

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