CHICAGO POLICE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

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In November of 2023, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation provided $236,165 in assistance including:

$23,764 in Education Assistance
$135,944 in Gold Star Families Memorial & Park Assistance
$10,000 in NONLODD Assistance
$3,512 in Get Behind the Vest Assistance
$21,932 in Suicide Prevention & Officer Wellness Assistance
$33,895 in Operation Santa Assistance

In addition, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation provided assistance to Gold Star Families, Chicago Police Survivors, and Widows of CPD Officers killed in the line of duty.

Total assistance given in 2023: $2.3 million
Total Assistance Given to Date: $19.9 Million Dollars

December 2023 Officers of the Month

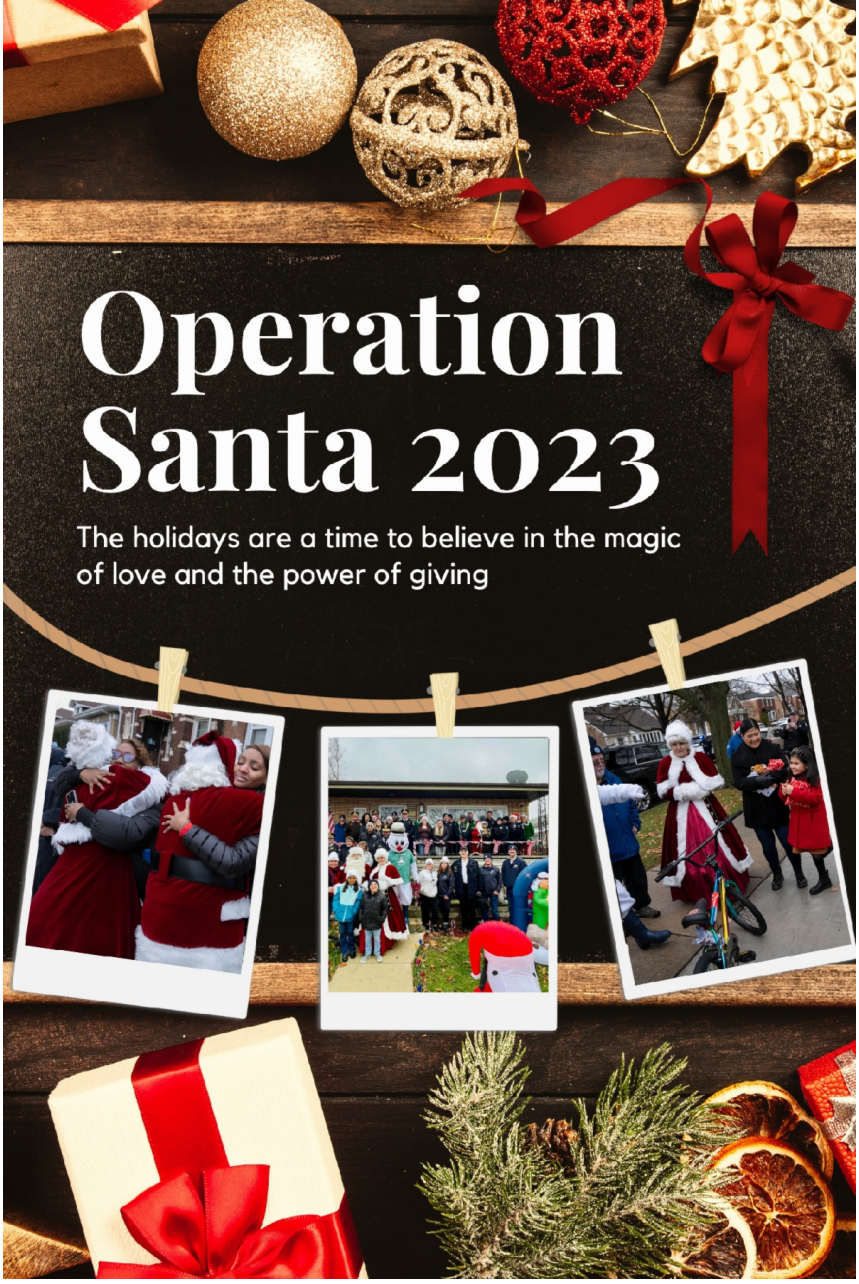
Oftentimes officers' work is done quietly behind the scenes and without fanfare. But it is our mission to ensure police officers know their work is noticed and appreciated, and that they shouldn't underestimate the impact of their efforts. We owe them our gratitude.
No one shows that gratitude quite like Alderman O'Shea, either. We appreciate him being here.
Today, we recognize a team of officers and detectives who work citywide to address the carjacking crisis in Chicago. We hear about these crimes regularly on

the news. Offenders in these incidents are often brazen and callous, working quickly and violently to grab their next joy ride or get-away vehicle. Officers responding to or doing the follow-up investigation on these incidents need to be always on high alert. And the carjacking victims are often left traumatized--especially when the crime happens on their own property—their home, what should be their safe place. Imagine having a gun pointed at you while you lay in fear in your own backyard, as heinous criminals make demands, rummage, and grab what they can. That is exactly what happened to a family from the Beverly neighborhood on November 2nd. The couple was in their own yard when they were violently robbed of their wallets, phones and car keys. Their Audi was also taken from the driveway. The offenders made good their escape that evening, but the skilled work and coordination of the Citywide Vehicular Hijacking Task Force would soon lead to the identity and arrest of the offenders. The task force went to work immediately and began the tedious task of tracking purchases made with the victims' credit cards and canvassing for video that would aid in the investigation. Through this work, the team identified another vehicle, a Porsche, being used by this crew of offenders. The task force shared updates within the CPD, and alert district officers had knowledge of the Porsche and where it frequented. Armed with this information and available technology, the task force members made a connection between the location of the Porsche and the Audi that was taken in the carjacking. Both vehicles were located around 95th & Ashland, and the lone occupant in each vehicle was arrested. It turned out that the Porsche was also a stolen car, taken under fraudulent means. The investigation didn't stop there, though. These 2 were arrested for being in the stolen cars, but the shameless criminals who terrorized a family in the Nov 2nd carjacking were still out there. Through impressive investigative and interview skills, the identity of the two carjackers was determined, and additional video evidence was collected. The carjackers were placed in custody following surveillance by the task force on November 14th and charged with Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking with a Firearm and Robbery. These task force members are great at what they do! They methodically investigated and captured evidence, to bring justice and some comfort to the victims and their community.

We proudly present this Officer of the Month award to Citywide Vehicular Hijacking Task Force Members:

Sergeant Peter Amelio
Sergeant Tony Berg
Officer Joel Soto
Detective Louis Silva
Detective Adam Siegel
Officer James Halpin
Officer David Garcia
Officer Brian Herman
Officer Dan Pacelli

On November 30th, we lit up Gold Star Families Memorial and Park in blue. Thank you to our friends at Powering Chicago, IBEW 134, and Midwest Interstate Electrical Construction for your generous support and excellent work and for helping the CPMF keep its promise to #neverforget, especially during the holidays.
To see more pics from the annual Tree Lighting please visit the photo album and watch a video about the collaboration here



On December 2nd and 3rd, after kicking off the weekend at Macy's on State Street, a motorcade with full police escort carried Santa and Mrs. Claus through the city and suburbs, stopping at the homes of families of fallen or seriously injured Chicago Police officers to drop off gifts, well wishes and good cheer. Operation Santa visited 16 homes over the weekend. At each stop, Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elves (actually CPD officer dressed as elves) and Chicago Police Memorial Foundation officials greeted the families outside their homes and passed out gifts to children and family members of fallen and catastrophically injured officers. We'd like to thank all of our sponsors: Macy's, Grosvenor GCM, Michael Sweig, Kevin Shannahan & Family, The Hans Family Foundation, The Faith Nielsen Charitable Foundation, Illinois Design Solutions, Marcy Crocker, Fasan Florist, Choose Chicago, Enterprise, and Terry Markham-Dunkin' Donuts! We'd also like to thank CPD for all their help and collaboration in making Operation Santa a success. A huge thank you to the ISP and Cook County Sheriffs for helping ensure timely and safe arrivals at all of Santa's stops! A special shout out to all the volunteers, especially Santa & Mrs. Claus and our Elves and all who rode with us over the past two days-your presence at each stop was felt by all.
And last, but never least, we'd like to say thank you to all the donors who support Operation Santa; those who support every year and those first

timers! For more information on this very special mission to #neverforget, please visit: https://cpdmemorial.org/mission/operation-santa/
To see all the pictures from this magical weekend, visit our **photo gallery** today!

Want to run the 2024 Chicago Bank of America Marathon with THE best charity team?
Limited team spots are going quickly! All interested runners can join Team CPMF and run at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 13, 2024!
All you need to do is fundraise $1,750 for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.
For more information, please contact Erin Bauer at e.bauer@cpdmemorial.org

Winter is coming. Don't forget your hat!

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Our Memorial Bricks make thoughtful gifts!

The CPMF is now offering an opportunity to purchase a memorial brick at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park for Phase 19. Now is your chance to honor the memory of a lost friend, family, or loved one or honor the career of an officer. Don't miss this chance to be a part of Chicago history by having your personalized, engraved brick set in Gold Star Families Memorial and Park for all to see.

Order your brick today!

Since 2007, Total amount of assistance given to Chicago Police families in need is $19.9 million.

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