

# DC Police Foundation News Update!

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Foundation**

## Junior Cadet Program Off to a Great Start!

In March and April, the DC Police Foundation:

- sent two fifth-grade classrooms from Seaton Elementary School in DC to hear a lecture from Dr. Ben Carson at Johns Hopkins University. The students were eager to hear from Dr. Carson as they had just completed reading his book, "Gifted Hands. The Ben Carson Story". Foundation staff accompanied the teachers and students, who were very thankful for this opportunity. Afterwards, the groups stopped for lunch and were approached by patrons who commended the students for their good behavior. It was a rewarding day for everyone, and the kids will always remember this experience!
- hosted a meeting with MPD's School Security Division and MPD's Community Outreach Director to gain their insights and help with implementing this new program in fifth-grade classrooms. The group discussed curriculum, parental involvement, best practices, and community partners who can help make this program a success. The MPD School Resource Officers were pleased to be part of this program that works with youth at a younger age to help develop them on the right track.



- conducted a parent night at the second pilot school, Winston Educational Campus in SE, DC with Principal Katie Jones and Assistant Chief Diane Groomes to brief parents on the program and upcoming activities:
  - Executive Director Joe Persichini announced the upcoming Field Trip to Gettysburg.
  - Susan Wilson a representative from Northrop Grumman advised that Northrop Grumman will send two Winston students and the Winston science teacher to attend Space Camp this summer in Huntsville, AL!
  - The parents were also advised that the DC Police Foundation will send each Junior Cadet to Camp Brown this summer all expenses paid!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### 2011 Awards Ceremony

*June 9, 2011*

*Carnegie Institute*

RSVP:

[http://dcpolicefoundation.org/  
events.html](http://dcpolicefoundation.org/events.html)

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#### Send a Junior Cadet to Camp Brown!

*May 18 Donor Breakfast*

*at*

*Clyde's Gallery Place*

*Call 202-481-3263*

The Foundation's Junior Cadet Program aims to provide educational opportunities for fifth-graders in DC's Public Schools along with life lessons and anti-gang and anti-drug messages from MPD officers. To read more about the pilot Junior Cadet program, please visit: [http://dcpolicefoundation.org/junior\\_cadet\\_program.html](http://dcpolicefoundation.org/junior_cadet_program.html)

## Welcome New Foundation Members!

**Annalee Ash**

**John Monroe**  
Verizon Wireless

**Jack Pontious**  
ShotSpotter

**Carl Rowan, Jr.**  
Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.

**Nathan Saunders**  
Washington Teachers' Union

**Robert Serenson**  
Walmart

**Dinesh Sharma**  
Washington Business Group

If you would like to learn more about *joining* the DC Police Foundation, please visit: [http://dcpolicefoundation.org/get\\_involved.html](http://dcpolicefoundation.org/get_involved.html)

## Hay-Adams Rooftop Event Honoring Chief Lanier with Special Guest David Baldacci

On April 11, the Foundation hosted an intimate evening with guests from the business community to honor and thank Chief Lanier for her commitment and dedication to the District. Guests enjoyed a spectacular view of the White House, Washington Monument, and beyond, from the Hay-Adams newly re-opened rooftop terrace. Noted Crime Author, David Baldacci gave special remarks in honor of the Chief and engaged the group with a lighthearted story. Many thanks to Foundation member Jose Rodriguez of Fort Myer Construction for making this important event possible. See More Photos: [http://dcpolicefoundation.org/photo\\_gallery.html](http://dcpolicefoundation.org/photo_gallery.html)



Chief Cathy Lanier, Jose Rodriguez, Lewis Shrensky, & Katharine Weymouth

## **BECOME A MEMBER!**

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Join your peers to help make our Nation's Capital a better and safer place to live, work, and visit.

## Many Thanks to the Philip L. Graham Fund!

The Foundation received great news from the Philip L. Graham Fund in mid-April awarding the Foundation a \$25,000 infrastructure grant. The grant will provide much-needed, updated technology and a constituency management system and database for the Foundation. Our new computers and internet-based software will allow us to operate much more efficiently. We will be able to provide more sophisticated documents as well as integrate online donations, event registrations, and e-mail signup eliminating multiple spreadsheets. The award of this grant is a huge step in growing the Foundation, and staff is excited to be able to build and grow with a database. Thanks to Benita Jenkins, Director of Development for seeking this new funding opportunity!

## New Website Launch!

The Foundation is pleased to announce the unveiling of its new website ([www.dcpolicefoundation.org](http://www.dcpolicefoundation.org)) developed by **Big Picture, Inc.** and utilizing Webstarts and design by staff. Members of the Foundation got a sneak peek of the website at the Annual meeting in early April, and the final website launched at the end of April. The website has many new features that will allow staff to reach a larger audience. Staff will have more flexibility in adding content and keeping it up-to-date without relying upon consultants or IT support.

Our next step will be the addition of a store feature that will allow us to sell merchandise, and a members-only section to update the foundation board with a calendar of meetings and events. We would like to thank all the board members who participated in the development with their comments on the initial content draft!

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION with Joe Persichini

On April 21, Foundation Executive Director Joe Persichini was invited by the D.C. Chamber President & CEO, Barbara Lang to speak at an intimate gathering of business leaders. The theme of the talk was the importance of small business, and he reminisced about his family's journey from Italy through Ellis Island, and their opening of a successful Dry Cleaning business and settlement in Buffalo, New York. Joe shared his personal successes, advice, and future plans as Executive Director of the DC Police Foundation and former Head of the FBI Washington Office. This was a great opportunity for the Foundation in the face of local business leaders.



## **DONATE TODAY!**

<http://dcpolicefoundation.org/support.html>

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501(c)(3) non-profit

Donations are  
tax-deductible  
(Federal ID #41-2250114)

## BISNOW Dining Article featuring Foundation Executive Director

BISNOW Dining Editor, Jessica Sidman reached out to the Foundation's Executive Director Joe Persichini to hear his "go-to dining destination" in DC. Check it out!  
[http://www.bisnow.com/washington\\_dc\\_dining\\_news\\_story.php?p=13278](http://www.bisnow.com/washington_dc_dining_news_story.php?p=13278)

We value these fun opportunities and thank BISNOW for their continuing support of the Foundation.

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The Women's Council is **seeking gym equipment donations** for MPD Headquarters.

### **Most Wanted:**

- *treadmills, upright bikes, aerobic steps, elliptical trainers, gym benches, recumbent bikes, weights, barbells, treadmills, exercise balls, rubber floor mats*

The Council received this special request from the Chief's office through the Wish List initiative to help create a workout space at headquarters. The Department is currently hosting its second annual fitness and weight-loss challenge to promote healthy living, and your donation will help achieve this goal. Donations are tax-deductible.

Please contact Meghan at 202-481-3268 if you have items to donate.

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