

# DC Police Foundation News Update!

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## A Note from the Executive Director

We have had an exciting year, funding the many youth programs for MPD and implementing our new Junior Cadet Program for 5th graders at Winston Educational Campus and Seaton Elementary School in DC.

Furthering our goal of crime prevention, our community outreach, program, and equipment funding has contributed over the years to a significant decrease in overall crime in DC. The District has outperformed every major city in the nation in providing economic recovery, job creation and crime reduction. One of the most significant factors in this positive news is the reduction of crime and a sense of security in our neighborhoods and businesses.

The mentoring programs of the Washington DC Police Foundation and MPD provide experiences and opportunities to children in our most challenged areas. Our programs help build character, foster relationships between MPD and the community, and inspire young participants to academic achievement.

As we put the finishing touches on 2011 and prepare for the Holiday Season I ask that you consider us in your philanthropic donations for 2012.

The Washington DC Police Foundation continues to make enormous progress in enhancing Public Safety in DC and I ask that you join us in 2012 for another benchmark year!

Warm wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season,  
Joe

## Grants

Lots of grant activity for general operating support in the last quarter! Many thanks to the **Washington Examiner Fund** for awarding a \$5,000 grant, to **Wells Fargo Bank** for awarding a \$5,000 grant, to the **M & T Charitable Foundation** for awarding a \$2,500 grant, and to **Capital One Bank** for awarding a \$2,500 grant to be split between general operating support and our Junior Cadet Program.

General operating support grants are working capital funds given to a nonprofit organization in support of its overall mission and to help with overhead expenses. These funds are absolutely critical to the Washington DC Police Foundation and our day-to-day work to help make our Nation's Capital a safer place for all.

## DONATE TODAY!

The DC Police Foundation  
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We would also like to thank **Giant Food** for donating \$100 worth of gift cards to Giant Food stores for our Junior Cadets and their families to spend on a holiday meal.

### Give to the Max Day – Results are In!

The Give to the Max Day one-day, online fundraiser for DC area nonprofits was a huge success for the DC Police Foundation, raising over \$4,200! We would like to thank our media supporter, **The Washington Examiner**, for promoting the DC Police Foundation during this online campaign and helping us raise awareness of our work and mission. We would also like to thank our Co-Chairs Terry Straub and Mark Tuohey for donating matching funds for the first \$1,000 raised. We appreciate all the support and are thankful for all of our friends of the DC Police Foundation!



### Activities

#### Appreciation Night for MPD Officers

A great night and recognition for deserving officers who went above and beyond over the past year to provide security at DC's Home Depot store. Home Depot generously provided a grant to the Foundation to award these officers an appreciation dinner during their shift change at night at the Fifth District Station. Home Depot's Assets Protection team gave remarks and awards to the officers and Chief Lanier spoke about the officers' dedication and thanked Home Depot for taking time to host such an event for them.



#### Strategic Planning Session with Members and MPD

On November 17, the Foundation held a half-day strategic session to plan the future of the organization and to hear from our members and the Chief and MPD. Our consultant, Denise Cavanaugh of Cavanaugh, Hagan, Pierson & Mintz came highly recommended and we were able to hire her thanks to a grant from the Meyer Foundation. It was a great opportunity for members to hear from the Chief and her top command staff on public safety priorities and how the Foundation can prioritize our help to MPD in 2012. Thanks to Michael Harreld and PNC Bank for providing space for our session.

#### Food Bank and Toy Drive with DARCARS!

The DC Police Foundation and DARCARS purchased 100 turkeys to donate to the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington, DC and DARCARS separately collected canned goods and food items from their dealerships in the area, totaling over 5,373 pounds of donated food for residents in DC!

In addition, Tammy Darvish of DARCARS personally collected and donated two pickup trucks' worth of toys for our Junior Cadets and special needs students at Seaton Elementary School.



### BECOME A MEMBER!

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

We are delighted to be able to work and partner with local businesses and nonprofits during this special time of giving. We look forward to continuing these unique partnerships in 2012!

## Programs

### Junior Cadet Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery!

On November 5, members and staff delivered turkey dinner meals for Thanksgiving to our Junior Cadets and their families. Over 75 meals were packed and brought to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Seaton Elementary School and Winston Education Campus. A special thanks to **Tammy Darvish** and **DARCARS** for sponsoring and providing bags for the meals. And thanks to members **Cherrie Doggett**, **Aleco Bravo-Greenberg**, **Carl Rowan**, **Skip Tash** of **Gawlers**, and **Mark Tuohey** for their donations to help make this happen. It was a heartwarming day and a great way to give back to youth and families in our community!

A kind note from Katie Jones, Principal of Winston Education Campus:  
**Mr. Persichini:**

I'd like to thank you and the Washington DC Police Foundation immensely for the Thanksgiving baskets. I was so surprised to see the amount of support and assistance, with delivering all of the goods. They were extremely appreciated and well-received by our needy families. We sincerely thank you for your continuous support and I hope for us to continue our relationship.

Kindest regards,  
Katie Jones, Principal  
Winston Educational Campus

### Youth Advisory Council Holiday Celebration and Awards

Executive Director Joe Persichini was invited to speak at the MPD Youth Advisory Council annual holiday celebration on December 15 at the Embassy Row Hotel in DC. Students from DC Public High Schools were selected to participate in the program, where students meet once a month at hosted locations throughout DC to hold Council elections, problem solve local issues in their community, and to hear from professional speakers on career opportunities. The program also focuses on employment readiness, leadership development, and community service. Recently, Youth Advisory Council students went on a college tour and entered into an essay contest. The winners of the essay contest were announced at this celebration and were awarded Dell laptops.

#### Essay Contest Winner!

Jasmine Symone Lilly, Grade 12  
Calvin Coolidge Senior High School



Many thanks to **Target** for being a partner with MPD and a main sponsor of the Youth Advisory Council program, and many thanks to the **Motorola Solutions Foundation** for supporting the MPD College Tour and essay contest for these high school students.

## Shop with a Cop!

Each year, the DC Police Foundation is proud to support the Shop with a Cop youth program. Over 100 kids in DC are selected to participate in this one-day, holiday shopping spree and are paired with MPD Officers at the Target DCUSA store. It's one of the many ways that help encourage positive interaction with law enforcement and show a softer side of the work that officers do for youth in our city. We will let the pictures and news coverage speak for the rest...enjoy!



ABC 7 News Coverage: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2011/12/shop-with-a-cop-gives-kids-a-holiday-opportunity-70652.html>

## Women's Council Initiative Spotlight

### Ticket Booth

The Women's Council would like to thank the following individuals and companies for donating tickets for MPD's youth programs and to reward outstanding MPD Officers:

- 6 tickets to the Redskins vs. Vikings game, thanks to Cherrie Doggett of Doggett Parking
- 4 tickets to the Redskins vs. 49ers game, thanks to Marie Coleman of Norfolk Southern Corporation
- 2 tickets to the Redskins vs. Cowboys game, thanks to Carry Hatch of MDB Communications
- 2 tickets to the Redskins vs. Vikings game, thanks to Alexandra Armstrong of Armstrong, Fleming & Moore, Inc.
- 2 tickets to the Wizards preseason game and 2 tickets to the Redskins vs. Patriots game, thanks to Haywood Talcove of LexisNexis Risk Solutions

Do you have corporate box seats or tickets to donate? Please contact Meghan at 202-481-3268.

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