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COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONS FOUNDATION



ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

A LOOK AT 2020 & OUR FUTURE

On December 9, 2020 we held our 3rd **annual member meeting** outside, socially-distanced at our official headquarters, *Ikonick The Collection*, in North Miami. Over 100 supporters and members attended as we formally announced our new name, **The Community-Police Relations Foundation** (CPR Foundation or CPRF.)

During the 2020 pandemic, we became keenly aware of the need for our work to go beyond the borders of what our previous names suggested. Our cornerstone, Greater Miami-Miami Beach and New York's Elite Police Foundations have set the groundwork and are recognized in the communities as the "go to" for creating better relations between Law Enforcement and the Communities they serve. Thus was born a new Executive Committee, who met weekly (virtually) and synergistically set goals on expanding our reach and our much needed aid to communities in need.

Our new name was decided upon because it so aptly describes what we already do--join Community and Police together to build better relationships between them. Moreover, "CPR" spells out our desire to help resuscitate our communities toward a more unified, improved future.

Our members are prestigious leaders and passionate advocates who are interested in uniting community with law enforcement & first responders to foster a prosperous, safe, and productive society for the well-being of all. We look forward to our expansion in 2021!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Greater Miami-Miami Beach Police Foundation and The New York's Elite Police Foundation has a new name...One that highlights our extended reach as we look to aid communities everywhere.

OUR OUTREACH

Stepping Up, Nimble, Ready to Act

As we look back at 2020, we began our year like most--with hope and celebration. Our GMMBPF was proud to kick off **Super Bowl** and unite visiting dignitaries and share our Miami. But as our nation's way of life shifted, we pivoted quickly and were first to respond to the needs of our communities at large throughout the uncertainty of our new reality--Covid 19. Our foundation swiftly instituted a **PPE** program that sourced and provided hard-to-find PPE to our Law Enforcement community ensuring that our First Responders were equipped to serve their communities as safely as possible. With over 70,000 face masks donated we moved to our basic needs and thus created a **grocery give-away program**, which put \$50 grocery gift cards in the hands of uniformed Police Officers who personally handed out over 1,250 grocery gift cards worth \$62,500 in the neediest of communities.

Our foundation's support made way for Miami-Dade officers to take to the streets in neighborhoods such as Goulds, Liberty City, Overtown, Brownsville, Little Haiti, Little Havana, etc.--Our hardest hit communities--to ensure that **no one went hungry**. Our steadfast inclination was to reassure families that their Law Enforcement Officers were there to ease their plight as the state of our nation rode the winds of uncertainty. As a result, civil unrest was kept at bay while trust and respect was built.

While our work improves the perception of uniformed police officers within our communities, it also rewards those officers by making them feel closer to and more welcomed in the communities they serve.



Beyond our Covid response, our foundation has continued and expanded on its work to feed the hungry, clothe the needy and support education.

Our August program reinstated our **Backpack giveaways**, and this time 220 of those backpacks came equipped with a **personal tablet**--all handed out by uniformed officers to children who are living below the poverty line.

Governor Jeb Bush joined in support of our mission, recognizing that our foundation was in the "**humanity**" business. We showcase the common humanity of Law Enforcement professionals and the people in the communities they serve.

In November our **Thanksgiving food program** put thousands of fresh turkeys in the hands of uniformed officers from Florida to New York...all who worked beyond their hours of duty to make sure that their communities were fed.

Our membership grew in numbers and in deeds as we spent time in New York City's boroughs, including communities like Brownsville, Brooklyn (section eight housing projects), and Harlem where officers met their communities with **winter coats, sneakers and 4800 fresh and healthy meals**.

We gave **scholarship** to high school graduates aiming at college. One young man (Clifford) joined us at our membership meeting. He spoke of the foundation's aid to him which provided **college scholarship, clothing, food, shelter and mentorship...and ended his years of being homeless**.



"You are in the humanity business."

Governor Jeb Bush

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

New Programs & Expansion

Our annual membership meeting also announced a new alliance to support suicide prevention and combat Post Traumatic Stress within our Law Enforcement community. In collaboration with the Boulder Crest Foundation, we are bringing a pilot PTG (**Post Traumatic Growth**) **mental wellness** first responder initiative to Miami-Dade College for Miami-Dade Police Departments. Over the months leading to the program's implementation we learned that police officers are at a higher risk of suicide than any other profession. In fact, suicide is so prevalent in the profession that the number of police officers who died by suicide is more than triple that of officers who were fatally injured in the line of duty. Researchers attribute these statistics to the unique combination of easy access to deadly weapons, intense stress, and the human devastation that police are exposed to on a daily basis. CPRF is supporting transformative solutions. Through Boulder Crest's science-based approach, our program goals are to transform struggle into profound growth; and help officers to better serve by providing them tools on how to struggle well and thrive in the face of their unique challenges.

Also at our membership meeting, Major Al Guerra was amongst the Law Enforcement officers in attendance. Major Guerra addressed our outdoor attendees and brought with him a new way for uniformed Police Officers to positively interact with their communities--supported by our foundation--The City of Miami Police Department "**Free**" **Ice Cream** Truck was revealed. The ice cream truck will be manned by uniformed police officers and visit the neediest of communities with a message of simple joy. Each of the individually wrapped ice creams provided will carry our CPRF (Community-Police Relations Foundation) name and message--that CPRF is "DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY & LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS."

Our 2020 **Christmas Bicycle giveaways** made way for Police Officers, to be the first people to aid a child in pedaling for the first time...A moment that will resonate for life.

As our year rounded out, we learned that Miami experiences the fourth highest incidence of **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** in the United States.

Working with the Human Trafficking division, we fulfilled a small wish that made a big difference--to convert a cold and sterile waiting room into a make-shift bedroom where victims of human trafficking and their children can be made more comfortable as they recount their trauma in their valiant effort to save others from the fate they have endured.

In keeping with our reasoning behind our new name, CPRF is proud to announce our extended reach--this time to the **Los Angeles** community. Grocery food cards are currently being distributed by LAPD officers to the neediest of their communities.

Our aim is simple, from the heart and with no political agenda or boundary--We aim to improve the quality of life for all communities, to combat hate wherever it resides, to build trust and a safer, more prosperous society for the well-being of all.

As always, we invite our members to join us and **ACTIVELY** participate within these many acts of giving...to get to know our law enforcement officers and the communities that we are helping them to support, protect and serve.



A BANNER YEAR

2020 brought forth many challenges and our CPRF Heroes rose to the occasion.

Our membership, giving and impact grew to new heights. Our members and committees were incentivized by the announcement of **matching donations** made possible through the generosity of Barry Skolnick. A special thanks to Barry and all who saw the opportunity to double their impact.



YOUR IMPACT IN 2020: AT A GLANCE

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, THESE ITEMS WERE PUT INTO THE HANDS OF UNIFORMED OFFICERS WHO DISTRIBUTED TO THE BIGGEST COMMUNITIES IN NEED, STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND

TRUST

- 1900 FLEECE COATS
- 2000 SWEATSHIRTS
- 600 PAIRS OF SNEAKERS
- 4000 LBS OF CLOTHING
- 3500 THANKSGIVING TURKEYS
- 1500 GROCERY GIFT CARDS
- \$65,000 IN FOOD
- OVER 30,000 FED
- COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
- SPORTS EQUIPMENT & ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRAVELING NEIGHBORHOOD SPORTS TEAMS
- FREE ICE CREAM (3 YEAR SUPPLY)
- 220 BACKPACKS FILLED WITH PC TABLETS, BEATS HEADPHONES & SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- CHRISTMAS BICYCLES
- 70,000 PPE MASKS

YOUR IMPACT = BUILDING STRONGER, SAFER COMMUNITIES

INVITATION 2021

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021, 11am EST

Join us as we visit the **South Florida SPCA Horse Sanctuary**, where we will gather (outside, following Covid protocol) for an in-depth tour of the facility. We will meet the many animals rescued and cared for on premises. Our foundation will present a check in support of the humane work being accomplished at the sanctuary. Please reach Al at 516-661-1000 for more information.



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INTERNET-NEW MEDIA

Newly Designed Website | Instagram | Facebook

Our newly designed Community-Police Relations Foundation **website** is already up and running. We encourage our members to visit www.CPRFcharity.org

We ask that any members that care to be listed on our website provide us with an up-to-date bio and photo. Send items to cprfcharity@gmail.com and/or Al at 516-661-1000.

Follow us on **Instagram and Facebook** @CPRFcharity

MEMBER CARDS

Newly Designed CPRF Cards

Our newly designed Community-Police Relations Foundation individual member cards are on order and should be on-hand in January.

GOALS 2021

Aiming Ahead

In 2021, we intend to double down on our most effective programs, including the support of distressed communities through law enforcement administered aid and events, bringing together agencies from around the country for better communication and efficacy, and supporting the physical, financial, and mental health of law enforcement and first responders.

Through the application of our efforts and resources we have continued to prove that we can impact quality of life and safety in our communities, while fighting hate and inspiring future generations of law enforcement and individuals alike. Despite the effects and challenges relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to increase the scale and efficacy of our efforts, and given the ever greater importance of our cause, we have no intention of slowing down in 2021. We look forward to multiplying our efforts and impacts in the forthcoming year as we press forward together.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Al Eskanazy, Founding Co-Chair, CEO
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Marc Farbstein, Chair-Executive Committee
Scott Prince, Chair-Finance Committee
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*As always, our 501(c)(3) foundation is proud to be **all volunteer run**.*

*There is **zero expense ratio** (outside of the necessary audits and insurance.)*

*Every membership dollar goes toward our mission **UNITING COMMUNITY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS TO FOSTER A PROSPEROUS, SAFE, AND PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL.***

Strengthening Community & Law Enforcement Relations;

Supporting Law Enforcement, First Responders and their Families;

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.