Larry loved our Annual four-day Project event and especially enjoyed the “CPOF Kids & Teens.” On Thursday evening Larry would smile when each child or teen was presented with a tote bag and on Sunday morning in a loud voice he would welcome the Kids & Teens in to sing and entertain the audience. Thus the above tribute is very appropriate.
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Note: Many Representatives bring the CPO Foundation to one or more other States in addition to their home State.
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Honored at Project 2000 IV

Counterclockwise from top left: C/O Josephine McCallum (MI), C/O William Donaldson (AL), Deputy Jailer John Wright (TN), Lt. Fred House (UT), Sgt. Howell Burchfield (CA), C/O Robert Vallandingham (OH), Sgt. William Dickerson (MI) and G/S Leslie Macarro (CA)

“Gone but not Forgotten”
Celebrating 30 Years of Honoring our Fallen Correctional Officers and Supporting their Surviving Families 1984-2014

This is Theresa Stevens, CPOF Administrative Assistant. A few months ago I was asked to document the 30 years of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. Of course I was not around in the beginning but the five gentlemen in the smaller photo on page 7 (in the middle of the page) were.

So I “drilled” them and asked many, many questions. Although at times this task was very emotional, it was also very rewarding.

The History of CPOF is 64 pages long and can be obtained on line for a donation of $15.00 that includes shipping and handling. Go to cpof.org and press the button “History of CPOF.”

I would like to thank the CPOF Board of Directors, Charleene Corby and Rachel Lee for giving me this opportunity. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did putting it together. Writing on the history of CPOF truly gave me even greater understanding of

“Taking Care of Our Own.”
My name is Glenn Mueller and I am the Chairman of the Correctional Peace Officers’ (CPO) Foundation. In the early 1980s a group of five young Correctional Officers got together and created the CPO Foundation. The cover story of this issue of the CPO Family is about the journey of progress and expansion of the CPO Foundation that began all those years ago and continues to this day.

One of those five founding gentlemen and an original Board of Directors member was Larry Corby, pictured on this issue’s cover and at left as a young Correctional Officer with the California DOC. Sadly we lost Larry on March 18, 2014 to glioblastoma, a rare aggressive cancer of the brain.

Larry, Don Novey, Sal Osuna, Richard Waldo and I had a vision that was to focus on the spouses and children of Correctional Officers and Corrections Staff who were killed or otherwise died in the line of duty. We knew then that Corrections constituted a relatively small part of the law enforcement community as a whole, yet our pain at the loss of a fallen Correctional colleague was just as great as that felt when a member of any other area of law enforcement lost his or her life in the line of duty.

We all lived through “Black August” at San Quentin State Prison in 1971 and then during the 70s the loss of nine Officers who were stabbed and murdered in California’s prison system. Larry, Don, Sal and I all worked at Folsom State Prison at the time of events like “Bloody Fathers’ Day,” and then came the terrible day in June of 1985 when Sergeant Hal Burchfield was murdered at San Quentin. Hal had formerly worked at Folsom, and the murder of our colleague broke our hearts. On the other hand, we also felt proud that we had worked so hard, with the help of our friends at CCPOA and especially with the assistance of Joan Peters, to form the CPO Foundation. You see, through the Foundation we could, and did, provide meaningful and rapid financial assistance to Hal’s widow, Barbara [above], and their five children. Joan Peters has since passed away but I will never forget how instrumental she was in assisting us in getting the essential 501 (c) (3) IRS code for the CPO Foundation that designates a non-profit organization.

Recalling those brutal events of the past, I would be remiss if I did not mention the five-day siege in 1971 at Attica State Prison in New York when 11 Correctional Officers and Staff were murdered. The CPOF did not exist at that time so was not there for Attica’s surviving families, nor were we there for the families of those slain at San Quentin and Soledad. But we are there for them now and indeed are honored to be close friends of Attica survivors John Stockholm, Donnie Almeter and the Cunningham brothers.

There are far too many other incidents to recount but I would like to mention the 11-day hostage situation in 1974 in Huntsville, Texas known as the “Carrasco Siege” in which four lost their lives. Jim Estelle, my personal friend, was Director of the Texas DOC at that time, and was
very helpful in getting CPOF in contact with Debbie Stewart after her husband was killed. Jim now lives in California and is on the committee of the “Big House Prison Museum,” Larry’s charity of choice.*

The reason I have brought up a number of past deaths and incidents is because many individuals that were involved in those situations now themselves assist the CPOF when a new tragedy or catastrophic event takes place. Examples: the recent line-of-duty murder of a Correctional Officer in Nebraska; the hurricanes on the East Coast, in Louisiana and in the Gulf of Mexico off the Texas coast; fires in California; tornadoes in Oklahoma; and most recently the mudslide in the town of Oso in Washington State. When we say, “We are a family,” we are and we do certainly “Take Care of Our Own.”

Larry started his Correctional career at Folsom State Prison in 1969. At that time California had 12 prisons, and construction of new prisons in the state was a recognized need. After 20 years Larry transferred to Planning and Construction. He, along with Jim Gomez [left], former Director of the California Department of Corrections, and their team, built 21 prisons. Jim spoke at Larry’s Farewell Service on March 24 and shared their accomplishments.

Many that attended Larry’s service worked or are still working in Corrections; many are not, but I do hope that ALL who were there learned what a great man Larry was. I too spoke at Larry’s service and had visited Larry during his last days. We reminisced about the “good ole days” and discussed how much the CPOF has grown. In fact I recently had a conversation with Larry’s wife, Char, and said, “Char, did you even imagine 30+ years ago that we would be where we are today?” We both shook our heads no but at the same time said, “I’m glad we are.” We often say, “Where does the time go?” and here I can honestly say that again.

Also speaking at Larry’s service were Jennifer Donaldson Davis [above] from Alabama whose husband, Bill, was murdered in January of 1990, and Debbie Stewart Herklotz [above right] from Texas whose husband, Steve, was killed in the line of duty in 1994. They shared their first phone calls from Barbara Burchfield and how much she helped them. Jennifer and Debbie, in turn, have assisted many widows and widowers over the years in their times of need. This takes me back to the third paragraph above when I say that we had a vision.

Another wonderful young person who took my breath away and sang “God Bless America” -- Larry’s favorite song -- at Larry’s service was Mandy

*The “Big House Prison Museum” is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, IRS #27-2283723.
Donaldson. Mandy is the daughter of Jennifer and William E. Donaldson. She was only four years old when her Daddy was murdered, four years old and now a very integral part of the CPO Foundation family.

Larry envisioned many great things for the Foundation and – usually! -- I was on the same page with him. When we discussed creating a “CPOF National Honor Guard” I was there with him and so was the entire CPOF Board of Directors. Steve Dizmon [left], the Commander of the Honor Guard, shared when he spoke at Larry’s service that we started with eight on the team. We now have 28, three of them bagpipers. All of the CPOF National Honor Guard team attended the Farewell Service for Larry Corby. I would be remiss if I did not thank ALL the Directors, Secretaries and Commissioners nationwide who allow these wonderful men and women to attend memorial and funeral services, one of whom is Commissioner Chris Epps of Mississippi. Chris has two from Mississippi on the CPOF HG team. You can learn more about the CPOF Honor Guard by checking out our web site cpof.org

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is a national charity created to “Take Care of Our Own.” If this is the first time you are reading about the CPOF please go on line and learn more about us. If you have been a Supporting Member for a year or two, or for “years and years,” thank you. Supporting Members going back to the 1980s and all of our new Supporting Members are the reason we are the strong and effective organization we are today – thank you!

About our Catastrophic Assistance Program: The Board of Directors and I are very proud of the many Correctional Staff that we have assisted throughout the years. In fact, during just the past 12 years we have assisted Correctional Personnel with over $17 million. As you read this magazine you will read many of their “Thank-you’s.”

I also mentioned earlier that the main reason we were founded was to be there for the families of Correctional Officers killed in the line of duty. As to those Fallen, each year we formally remember and honor them at the CPO Foundation’s National Memorial Ceremony that is the premier event of our annual gathering known as Project 2000. Next year Project 2000 XXVI will be in Jacksonville, Florida and in 2016 we will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. If you have NEVER been to one of our Project 2000 events and are a Correctional employee, plan now to attend. Whether you can make it 2015 or in 2016 – or both! -- attending Project 2000 will make you proud to be in the Corrections Profession.

I know there are hundreds and hundreds of individuals and organizations that have improved the Corrections Profession; however, at this time I would particularly like to mention the International Association of Correctional Officers (IACO) and Mr. Bob Barrington. Our first four Project 2000 events were held in conjunction with the IACO; and Mr. Barrington is the author of the “Correctional Officers’ Creed,” reprinted on page 47 of this issue. Mr. Barrington’s early professional career years were spent,
first, as a Probation and Parole Officer and, later, as a Correctional Officer with Wisconsin State Corrections. Bob and his wife, Florence, were a team as were Larry and Char.

As a retired Warden from Folsom State Prison I value what Bob wrote in the “Correctional Officers’ Creed.” I especially like the last paragraph and the last two lines: “to keep my outside problems outside … to leave inside that which should stay inside … to do my duty.” I pray that ALL reading this do just that and, yes, also control your anger.

And I would like to thank Mr. Kenny Rivard of the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers (RIBCO) and a former President of IACO, for “sharing history” with me. History is very important to the CPOF. It is important to us all. Look at pages 54 and 55 of this issue and you will see what I mean.

Before I close I would like to thank Chaplain Mindi Russell for the Opening Remarks and Invocation and Retired California Peace Officer Larry Collins for the Benediction at Larry’s service. As is true for all of us that attended Larry’s service and all that sent cards and emails to Char, Mindi and Larry are good friends of the Corbys.

On behalf of the entire CPOF Board of Directors and all who knew Larry in his Correctional career of over 45 years, I think I can say for all that we extend our sincerest condolences to Char and the entire Corby/Gould family. I personally know how much time Larry gave to the CPO Foundation. He has left an impressive legacy.

Larry and Char
Gayle and I are extremely saddened to hear of the recent passing of retired Correctional Captain Larry Corby.

I met Larry many years ago when I was deeply involved in politics and he was a representative for the state’s correctional peace officers.

His early record of exemplary service in the Marine Corps while in Vietnam easily transferred over to his duties as an effective representative for the state’s correctional officers, where he worked tirelessly for the profession as the Association’s state secretary and supervisory vice president.

Over the years, we had conversations in which Larry shared his insight and experience in a soft-spoken voice that rarely revealed any outward emotion — except for that sly smile that somehow never left his face.

A quiet but strong advocate for his fellow officers, it was hard to dispute Larry’s unique wisdom in subject matters where I knew he carried the bulk of knowledge.

As state secretary for the Association, Larry was instrumental in my successful gubernatorial bid in 1990, and for that I will always be grateful.

Larry was a unique wordsmith who often marched to the beat of a different drummer and forged his own path in his writings on behalf of his fellow correctional staff. At times, he defied journalistic style in his work as founder and editor of The Granite, and later, the Peacekeeper.

He did it all with enormous heart and determination to support his chosen profession and his fellow officers.

I know that Charleene, Larry’s wife of 47 years, and their two children, Cami and Jarrod, are very proud of Larry’s four decades of public safety service on behalf of the people of California.

At the time of his passing, Larry was an integral part of a plan to develop a national museum to preserve the history of the Corrections profession, and to honor the officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. His creativity and expertise will be missed. May he rest in peace knowing his fellow officers and others involved in the project will continue the mission as he would have wanted.

Semper Fi,

March 24, 2014

Mr. Pete Wilson is a former Governor of the State of California.
Looking back …

Mandy Donaldson:

January 25, 2014 marked 24 years since my dad gave the ultimate sacrifice by laying down his life to protect his fellow man. My dad is a true hero and even though I miss him with all my heart, a day does not go by that I am not ultimately proud of the amazing person my father was and that he is still alive in me.

As mentioned earlier in this publication I was four when I lost my Dad, and I attended my first Project that year, Project 2000 I. After a couple of years I began to ask my Mom when will we be going back to Washington, D.C.? It became a family affair as my Grandma and Grandpa attended with us. Grandma and Grandpa were there to watch over me, and Mom volunteered to help the new widows.

I have history with CPOF as well. As a small child I was happy just to be with other children attending Project for the first time. Being young I did the best I could to make them feel welcome. I told them what happened to me and they in turn shared how they had lost their parent. We always played in Grandma and Grandpa’s room because in those days there was no “Kids Room.”

A few years later when I was at Project we, “the Kids,” did have our own room. All I could say was wow, how nice! Most years the hotel had a pool which was also very fun. Then the year I turned 13 and became a teenager I knew changes needed to take place. After all, I was a teenager now, not a “kid!” I remember as if it were yesterday calling and talking with Mr. Larry. I said, “Mr. Larry, we need to do something just for teens.” He said, “Mandy, what do you have in mind?” Well, first we had to change the name to the “Kids & Teens Room” and then plan a special event “just for teens.” I am now 27, a fourth grade teacher, and I try to make every school day special. As at school, at Project I try to make every event fun and interesting so all will want to return.

The new families, the past families, the kids and teens all arrive on Thursday. They sign in and quickly look for their old friends and, often just as quickly, make new friends. I mentioned in the second paragraph that we always went to Washington, D.C. as indeed we did for the first six years. Then the next year Mom said Project would be in Sacramento, California. I was so excited!

We have been back to D.C. several times, but we have also been to San Antonio, Texas (the Alamo); Portland, Oregon; Reno, Nevada; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Tampa, Florida; Buffalo, New York and San Francisco, California. (To be on the West Coast again and see the Pacific Ocean was quite an experience.)

Turning 27 was very traumatic for me as that was the age my Dad was when he was murdered. Think about it: you’re young, you grow up; Mom, my brother, Jordan, and I are doing fine; and then bingo! I turn 27. Well, I know my Dad wants me to do what I can to continue his legacy of love and to stand up for the innocent, and I will.

Liz Shaffer-Smith:

Greetings from Arizona. I want to take a moment to tell you a little bit about myself, and how I became involved with CPOF. I was a Correctional Officer at the Lewis Complex and my husband, Curtis, was a Correctional Officer IV at the Perryville Complex in 2009 when we were introduced to CPOF. I was the Crisis Team Leader at the Lewis Complex when we tragically lost one of our Sergeants. I was contacted by the CPOF and asked to present a catastrophic assistance check to the family. Warden Larson became as excited as I was to learn that such a wonderful organization existed for Corrections Professionals.

From there I was invited to my first Project, held in June 2009 in Colorado Springs. It was after that trip that I was truly able to understand how wonderful and important the CPO Foundation is and knew that I wanted to be a part of it.

In April 2011 Don L. Horn, who worked in Director Charles Ryan’s Office, passed away at work. The next day his daughter (the wife of a Lewis Complex Correctional Officer) passed away at her home. These were terrible losses for the Arizona DOC. However, after working with the family as the Crisis Team Leader for the DOC, it was so nice for me to be able to represent the CPO Foundation.

For more on Arizona, see page 22!
Correctional Officer Darrin Holtermann of California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility died unexpectedly at home on July 1, 2013. He was only 38 years old and left his wife, Cindy, and three children. Cindy Holtermann received a CPO Foundation check to assist with funeral expenses. She wrote, “Thank you so much for your generosity. Our family has been blessed by that.” Officer Holtermann is pictured at right.

Dear Christina,

My family and I would like to thank you and the CPOF for all your support and prayers. It has been difficult dealing with the loss of our son, Zachary. Despite dealing with our loss, it brings us comfort to know he is now with our Lord. We have been blessed with a tremendous amount of support from family, friends and co-workers. I feel proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization that truly cares and is “Taking Care of Our Own.”

Enclosed is a picture of Zachary that was taken at Yosemite National Park on Memorial Day 2013. Zachary loved being outdoors. He passed away six days prior to his 13th birthday due to an ATV accident on August 2, 2013. He touched the hearts of everyone who knew him.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your thoughts and prayers, and for the assistance check that the CPOF sent to help with funeral expenses. We will always be grateful for the support of the CPOF during the darkest time of our lives.

Jonathon, Christine, Matthew and Paige Leeworthy, Fresno, CA

Correctional Officer Jonathon Leeworthy is a Supporting Member at Central California Women’s Facility. Our thoughts and prayers continue for the Leeworthy family on the sad loss of Zachary at so young an age.

Dear Christina and CPO Foundation,

My name is Arturo Rubalcava and I have been working for the Department for about ten years. I would like to thank you for your support and prayers in my family’s time of need. There are no words to express how thankful I am to the CPOF and all the staff at CCI [California Correctional Institution] that have shown great support to us.

I thank God for all the blessings that have come our way.

Sincerely,

Arturo L. Rubalcava, Bakersfield, CA

Correctional Officer Rubalcava’s wife, Alisia, passed away from Stage IV lung cancer on August 10, 2013. She is pictured at right with Arturo and their children, Noaylee and Arturo, in a family photo taken several years ago. Christina received another nice note of thanks from Officer Rubalcava after Alisia’s passing:

“Thank you so much for all your support. The CPOF family and CCI family have helped me so much in these difficult times. We are standing strong thanks to God and all the prayers we receive.

God bless all your hearts.”
Correctional Officer Magdalena Valdez (pictured at left), a Supporting Member at California State Prison Solano, collapsed without known cause at work and became comatose. She passed away on October 1, 2013 with the cause of her initial collapse and death still undetermined. Her husband, Mauricio, received a CPO Foundation check to assist with funeral expenses. Our condolences continue for Mauricio and other family members on the sad and sudden loss of Officer Valdez.

Correctional Officer Salvador Montoya of Correctional Training Facility (Soledad) was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer in January 2014. He received a CPOF check to help with expenses related to his treatment. He is pictured here with his wife, Irma, and children, Salvador and Diego.

To the CPOF Family.

On August 3, 2013 Correctional Officer Detlef Williams (pictured at left) was involved in a motorcycle accident while on his way home from work.

His left leg was partially amputated on scene. Due to severe injuries he endured several surgeries.

Officer Williams, a Supporting Member of CPOF, works at the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco, California.

This retired Navy Military veteran is eternally grateful for the financial assistance from his CPO Foundation family.

(Submitted on behalf of C/O D. Williams.)

Sincerely,
Tony Mosby, Moreno Valley, CA

Sergeant (Ret.) Tony Mosby is a Retired Supporting Member of the CPO Foundation and a member of the CPOF National Honor Guard. We thank him for writing on Officer Williams’ behalf and for personally delivering Officer Williams’ CPOF assistance check to him (photo above right).
TEXAS

A Word from Debbie Herklotz:

In September 2013 I began my 18th year with the Correctional Peace Officer’s Foundation. I don’t know where the time goes! Eighteen years ago I had a 12-year-old son and a 22-year-old son. David is now 30 and Casey is 40. Both are married with a son. I have truly enjoyed my career with the Correctional Peace Officer’s Foundation.

My late husband Steve Stewart was killed in the line of duty in January of 1994. When the TDCJ Human Resources first contacted me and said “some lady in California” (who turned out to be Barbara Burchfield) wanted my address, I said not to release any information as I was very

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Dear Ms. Barone,

Thank you so much for the donation from the CPO Foundation. It will certainly help me to pay on my hospital bill that my insurance doesn’t cover. Please send my thanks also to Debbie Herklotz and Cathy Stokes, as I didn’t have addresses for them. The donation was greatly appreciated during this life-changing event.

Sincerely,
Betty West, Madisonville, TX

Clerk II Betty West (pictured) is an Information Technician with the TDCJ. She was off work for many months with kidney problems and had dialysis treatments three times a week for a lengthy period of time.

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for the assistance check I received on September 25, 2013. Your thoughtful letter and the check blessed my day and have helped me during my time of need. I am blessed to have so many that care and are supporting me during my illness.

Sincerely,
Heather Thompson, Huntsville, TX

Laundry Manager II Heather Thompson of the Estelle Unit was diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer and underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

To the CPO Foundation,
Assistant Warden Kendall Richerson, Officer Howard Degenhart and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Dalhart Unit wish to thank the CPO Foundation for their thoughtful gift. Mr. Degenhart’s wife, Sondra, is fighting cancer and this gift will help go toward expenses for the frequent trips they have to make for doctor’s appointments and treatments.

Once again, thank you so much for your kindness.
Your friends at the Dalhart Unit, Dalhart, TX

Above: Assistant Warden Richerson presenting Officer Degenhart with his assistance check.
Dear Stephanie,

Your generous contribution to our employee, Correctional Officer Maria Pacheco, has helped her tremendously. Officer Pacheco is still suffering from some heart medical issues, but we are hoping she will be back to 100% soon.

Again, thank you and the members of your organization for your generosity.

S. Seale, Senior Warden, Dominguez Unit, San Antonio, TX

Later, we received this nice note and photo from Officer Pacheco, a Supporting Member:

My family and I would like to thank you for your assistance when I needed it so desperately. With your assistance I was able to buy my medication and some groceries, and to make some doctor co-pays.

My son, Zachary, was so happy when we received this assistance. I explained to him where it came from and how “they” help families in need. So he told me to tell you thank you so much for helping his mom.

From my family to yours, thank you for being there to help “our own.”

I have enclosed a picture [above right] of my own mom and me, taken at Christmas in 2012.

Maria Pacheco, C/O V, Dominguez Unit

Officer Pacheco suffered a stroke in June 2013 and was hospitalized for five days.

In a relatively short period of time in the last half of 2013, the CPO Foundation had occasion to assist three employees at the Huntsville Unit. Senior Warden James Jones kindly wrote a note of thanks on behalf of each of the three, ending each note with, “The Huntsville Unit Correctional and Administrative Staff wish to thank everyone at the CPOF for their dedication and support during our time of need.”

Property Officer Lisa Baker, a Supporting Member, has an 11-year-old son, Justin, who was diagnosed with neurocardiogenic syncope* that required treatments three times a week for several weeks in a Houston medical facility. Officer Baker’s CPOF check was to help pay for the many out-of-pocket expenses she incurred driving Justin to and from his appointments.

*“Neurocardiogenic syncope is the medical term for the common faint. Most young people outgrow the condition in their mid-20s. The fainting associated with this general disorder is believed to be a result of a miscommunication between the heart and brain.” Source: Internet.

While assisting a motorist whose car was broken down on the side of a road, Sergeant Robert Mize was struck by an oncoming vehicle. Sergeant Mize suffered a broken ankle and knee, injuries severe enough to require surgery. His check was to help with medically related expenses incurred during his recovery.

Food Service Manager II Etta Armstead, a Supporting Member, was diagnosed with high blood pressure, hypertension and blocked arteries. She had to have two stints inserted to clear the blocked arteries. FSM II Armstead was off work for a considerable time and was given a CPOF check to help while she was on leave without pay.

To Stephanie Barone and the CPO Foundation,

I just want to thank you all so much for your support and the money. It all means so much. I apologize that it has taken me so long to send you this Thank You. We have had my son, Ty, in and out of the hospital so often.

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Thanks again for all that you do. God Bless you all!
Laurie Stewart, Lubbock, TX

Correctional Officer Stewart is a Supporting Member at the Rudd Unit in Brownfield, Texas. Her son, Ty, was hospitalized several times in a two-month period in 2012 after a diagnosis of stones in his pancreas. Ty had three surgeries at a hospital in San Antonio, hundreds of miles away from Lubbock. During this time the CPO Foundation assisted Officer Stewart with the many extra expenses she incurred. In mid July 2013 Ty was again hospitalized for a clot in a blood vessel leading to his spleen. (He also has pancreatitis.) Officer Stewart received another assistance check at the recommendation of Rudd Unit Administrative Assistant II Diana Munoz to help with expenses.

Dear Ms. Barone:

On behalf of the Staff of the Stiles Unit, and specifically on behalf of Officer Jonathan Wood and Officer Tammy Wood, I would like to express our appreciation for the assistance that the CPOF extended these Officers. It is comforting to know that the CPOF exists to assist Correctional Staff when they fall upon hard times.

I am happy to tell you that when the Officers came to the Warden’s office to collect the gift from the CPOF, they both exhibited a very positive and appreciative attitude. Enclosed is the photo [at left] of me presenting the gift to the Officers.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness to Correctional Officers in need.

Michael Roesler, Warden, Stiles Unit, Beaumont, TX

Correctional Officer IV Jonathan Wood, a Supporting Member, and his wife, Officer Tammy Wood, lost everything in a house fire.

Ms. Barone,

I want to thank you and the CPO Foundation for your support and assistance to Correctional Officer Juan Torres and Correctional Officer Victor Ross. Both Officers were performing a cell extraction and were attacked by an offender who stabbed both Officers multiple times. Officer Torres has been able to return to work after his recovery and Officer Ross continues to recover from the injuries he sustained.

We are very grateful for everything that the CPO Foundation does to support all of the dedicated and wonderful Correctional Officers across the United States.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mayfield, Assistant Warden, Wynne Unit, Huntsville, TX

C/O III Juan Torres and C/O V Victor Ross were assaulted on July 23, 2013.
Administrative Technician IV Gary Rowe of the TDCJ Commissary in Huntsville, Texas received an assistance check to help with out of pocket expenses associated with his wife’s death in November of 2013. Mrs. Rowe (Renae), who had worked in HR for the TDCJ for a time, suffered from bile duct cancer. Mr. Rowe is pictured here with Doris Summank and CPOF Texas Representative Cathy Stokes [on the right]

At right are HRS II Janet Dorsey, HRS III Kim Hollaway and Cathy Stokes. HRS II Dorsey, a Supporting Member at the TDCJ Facilities Division in Huntsville, received a bereavement assistance check following the death of her husband, George, on December 22, 2013.

Cathy Stokes presented a CPOF check to Ms. Tammi Brown, wife of Transportation Officer Kenneth Brown who suffered a fatal heart attack while on duty on January 7, 2014. Also pictured are HRS III Teri Carter, Mr. Larry Adams and Mr. John French.

Cathy Stokes presented a CPOF check to Sergeant Will Smith, a Supporting Member at the Region I Training Academy, to help with extra expenses incurred when Sgt. Smith’s wife, Tracy, underwent major surgery after she broke her leg.

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of the Wallace Pack Unit, I want to express my gratitude for the assistance provided to Officer Mack Gbawar in the loss of his wife, Esther. He was very grateful for the assistance provided to him. The Pack Unit wants to thank you for all the support you have provided to the agency throughout the years.

Robert Herrera, Senior Warden, Wallace Pack Unit, Navasota, TX

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Dear Stephanie:

On February 13, 2014 I was pleased to present your generous gift to my Maintenance Supervisor V Patrick Moffett. He was very pleased. The Daniel Unit would like to express our appreciation to the CPOF for your kindness and generosity. As you requested, here is a photo of CPOF Representative Joe Ponder and me presenting the check to Patrick.

Personally I can’t thank you enough for all you have done and continue to do for all of our Correctional family. Assistance such as the Foundation provides gives not only financial but emotional support to families in times of crisis. We sometimes feel alone in our difficulties, but the Foundation is a way of showing that we are all part of one large caring family.

Thank you again for the assistance to Patrick and his family. Your assistance has helped to ease some of the financial as well as emotional burdens that they have suffered.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Catoe, Warden I, Daniel Unit, Snyder, TX

Maintenance Supervisor V Moffett is a Supporting Member at Snyder Unit. His daughter Erin was involved in an auto accident in which she suffered a severed neck and crushed spine.

Dear Stephanie,

Please find attached a picture of Captain Jesse Beamer, recipient of a CPOF donation, and Warden Edgar Baker. On behalf of Captain Beamer, Warden Baker and all of the Skyview/Hodge Complex staff, thank you so much for the generous donation. Your continued support of our employees during these difficult times means so much.

Wendy Smelley, Warden’s Secretary,
Skyview/Hodge Complex, Jacksonville, TX

Captain Jesse Beamer, a Supporting Member at Skyview/Hodge Complex, was diagnosed with a pancreatic tumor. He was undergoing tests in advance of surgery at the time of this assistance check presentation.

Correctional Officer Gabriel Ruiz, a Supporting Member at Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio, Texas, received an assistance check to help with extra expenses after his wife, Denise, was diagnosed with lupus and had to be hospitalized. Pictured at right are Sergeant Gil Arizmendi, Assistant Warden Evelyn Castro, Officer Ruiz and Sr. Warden Miguel Martinez.
Left: Maintenance Supervisor Christopher Watson (in cap) of Beto Unit, received a CPO Foundation assistance check after surgery for a herniated joint in late June 2013. Beto Unit Assistant Warden Stuart Calhoun presented the check.

Right: Also from Beto Unit, C/O III Emmett Baker, a Supporting Member, received an assistance check after he had surgery last summer for an infection in his heart that caused it to fail. Pictured: Lieutenant F. Warren, Officer Baker and Assistant Warden Stuart Calhoun.

**Personally from CPOF Texas Field Representative Joe Ponder:**

On January 9, 2014 I presented the Robert Klein family with a check to help with financial needs. Robert Klein, a Correctional Officer IV at the Neal Unit in Amarillo, Texas, passed away after a long battle with recurrent Glioblastoma brain tumor. Robert was loved very much by his family, friends and co-workers. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family.

In the photo at left: Captain Paul Preciado, Senior Warden Jamie Baker, Julie Klein, Assistant Warden Scott Hooten, Hannah Klein, Joe Ponder, Payton Klein, Officer M. Smith (close family friend) and Autumn Klein.

Also on January 9, 2014 I had the honor of presenting the Neal Unit with their **Lifetime Facility Sponsorship** plaque and jacket. The employees of the Neal Unit have worked very hard under the leadership of Senior Warden Jamie Baker to make their Lifetime Sponsorship possible. Thank you, Neal Unit, for showing your great dedication and support towards CPOF.

Pictured: Captain Paul Preciado, Senior Warden Jamie Baker, Warden’s Secretary Ms. Fields, Assistant Warden Scott Hooten, Joe Ponder and Captain Denise Carreon.
suspicious about anyone who approached me or my family after Steve’s death.

One of the individuals who was “key” in having me finally return Barbara Burchfield’s calls was Mr. Jim Estelle, former Director of TDCJ. Another individual was John Maples who worked with my husband in Agricultural. Barbara said, “I will send you some information.” This was way before the Internet so I just waited until I received some information in the mail. I did receive several copies of the CPO Family magazine, and my interest grew.

Casey, David and I were invited to Project 2000 VI in Washington, D.C. Barbara had said that the CPOF would be mailing me airline tickets (again, this was long before the Internet). Still very apprehensive, I was thinking the tickets would never show up, but they did. I accepted the invitation but I must confess that even after I arrived in D.C. I thought, “What’s the catch?”

The rest is pretty much history. After enjoying Project, meeting Barbara and Jennifer Donaldson and discovering that, in fact, there was no “catch.” Upon returning home I inquired how the CPOF could assist our Officers in Texas. I knew from having worked in the TDCJ’s payroll department that many times Correctional Officers and Staff suffered catastrophic events and were in need of financial assistance. Besides borrowing money or getting a salary advance, what was there? Well, now I knew there was the CPOF.

Over the 18 + years that I have been with CPOF we have assisted 5,596 TDCJ Officers and Staff with a total of $ 1,906,611.00. And I can’t even begin to tell you how many miles I have put on my cars personally delivering the catastrophic checks so I could explain that this is a gift and there is no catch. Well, let me take that back: there is a “catch” and that is to “Pay it Forward.” When you hear of a Correctional Co-worker needing a hand up due to a recent catastrophic event in their life, be the one to call CPOF.

Lifetime Facility Sponsors: I am proud that today we have a total of 80 Units, Jails and non-custody offices of the TDCJ that are Lifetime Facility Sponsors, with several donating more than $10,000. What’s a Lifetime Facility Sponsor? This is when a jail, prison or unit donates $5,000 or more. Check out page 53 of this issue.

In closing, I will say again that I have truly enjoyed my career with the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.
A Word from Jay West:

My name is Jay West and I am currently a CPOF Representative for Northern New York. I began my Correctional Journey in 1971 as a C/O at Windsor State Prison in Vermont.

When I learned that California was hiring, I took off on a cross-country drive to California. In those days there was no Academy. I qualified and was accepted quite quickly into the C/O ranks at Folsom State Prison. Little did I realize at that time that I was working closely with three C/Os who would later become part of the Five Founding Fathers of the CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS FOUNDATION: our Chairman and National Director Glenn Mueller (who retired in 2000 as Warden of Folsom), our Secretary and National Director Larry Corby, and National Director Sal Osuna. Sadly we recently lost Larry to brain cancer but I can assure you that ALL who worked with and knew Larry will always remember, with high regard, the compassion and professionalism that he extended to not only his “correctional family” but also to his fellow man. RIP, Larry -- you will not be forgotten.

In 1982 because of family I returned to the East Coast and settled in New York. Via promotions and transfers I worked in 12 New York prisons and also had a temporary assignment as a Range Officer at our Training Academy in Albany.

In 2007 my DREAM of retirement came to fruition and I happily “rode off into the sunset.” However, because I had stayed in touch with my California counterparts, Warden Mueller contacted me and offered me a position with CPOF. It was a very easy and very quick decision for my wife, Ellie, and me to make! I must say the position is “volunteer,” as Glenn knows the right words to say. As CPOF approaches its 30- year anniversary I will state that although my “work” at times can be quite humbling and emotional, it certainly gives one many “deep-down, feel-good” moments when I am involved with “TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN.”

As my fellow CPOF New York Representative David Wedzina and I travel throughout New York State conducting CPOF membership drives in our many Correctional Facilities, we wish all a SAFE Correctional Career. Dave and I are especially interested in approaching and sharing CPOF with Rikers Island Correctional Officers and all that work in the City of New York DOC. We also look forward to working with Mr. Joe Ponte, recently appointed Commissioner of the City of New York DOC. Like his predecessors, Commissioner Ponte is very supportive of the CPO Foundation in granting time to members of the New York City Pipe Band to attend and participate in our Project 2000 events.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Dave or me when one of your Brother or Sister C/Os are in need of a helping hand. I can be reached at jwestk@charter.net or 518-569-6813, and David can be reached at cpofdave@earthlink.net or 716-949-2738.

Jay (on the left) sent in this photo and those on the next two pages of check presentations made in recent months to New York Corrections Officers and families in times of need.

Jay presented a check to Correction Officer Bernard (“Buddy”) Leis of Greene Correctional Facility who lost all possessions to a house fire in March. C/O Leis was at work at the time of the fire. Jay says, “We wish him much luck in his rebuilding process.”
Jay presented a CPOF bereavement check to Supporting Member C/O Hugh LaMoy of Altona Correctional Facility. Sadly Hugh lost his wife, Sheila, to cancer early in November 2013. Says Jay, “Our thoughts and prayers will continue for Hugh and his family.”

C/O Aaron Lemay of Clinton Correctional Facility was diagnosed with endocrine cancer. Pictured with him are his wife, Kendall, and daughter, Reese. As always, Jay encourages everyone in the CPOF to keep the Lemay family in their thoughts and prayers while Aaron is on the road to recovery.

Gail and Robert Roberts sadly lost their son, Nicholas, in a snowmobile accident in December 2013. Nicholas was a C/O in the Vermont DOC working at the Chittenden Correctional Facility. Gail is a civilian employee at Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, NY.

C/O Jerry Smyth of Washington Correctional Facility suffered a paralyzing stroke in November 2013. Also pictured is his son, Logan, who is credited with immediately contacting EMS personnel to respond to the scene. Per Jay: “JOB WELL DONE! C/O Smyth has a return-to-work hope for April 2014. Our thoughts and prayers will remain with C/O Smyth on his road to recovery.”

C/O Marilyn Cowan of Bare Hill Correctional Facility lost her home to a fire in January 2014. The CPOF wishes her well in her rebuilding process.
At right with Jay are C/O Jim Burch of Washington Correctional Facility and his wife, Nicole, and son, Jim Burch Jr. who is holding the CPOF assistance check. Both Nicole and and the Burch’s daughter, Chloe, are battling cancer. Jay says, “We all will “DOUBLE-UP” our thoughts and prayers for this family.”

Jay West presented an assistance check to C/O Henry Dobbins, a Supporting Member at Upstate Correctional Facility who is having surgeries and other therapies in an attempt to control his severe diabetes. We wish Officer Dobbins well on his road to recovery.

CPOF contact C/O Matt Montroy (right) of Gouverneur Correctional Facility presented a check to Supporting Member C/O Mike Leone who recently had surgery to remove cancerous tumors. Per Jay and Matt, Mike was very appreciative for this act and expressed many thanks to the CPOF for what they do for Corrections.

C/O Dan Saucier, a Supporting Member at Altona Correctional Facility, received an assistance check from Jay in March 2014. C/O Saucier is going through kidney dialysis and is on a transplant list. The CPOF wishes him much luck on his journey to recovery.

C/O Chuck Spinner, a Supporting Member at Altona Correctional Facility (left), received a CPOF check to help with extra expenses while his wife, Terry (holding the check), was undergoing medical treatment and therapies for her recently diagnosed breast cancer. Jay: “The Spinner family will be in our thoughts and prayers.”
The cases of the two Detention Officers to which Sheriff Arpaio refers in his letter are as follows:

**In mid August 2013,** Detention Officer Jorge Vargas was shot in the face and head in his driveway as he was preparing to leave for work. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. The suspect was at large for about two months. On October 15, 2013 he was located, arrested and charge with Officer Vargas’ murder.

**On June 24, 2013,** Detention Officer Rachel Harris was conducting a cell search when the inmate suddenly jumped on her, put her in a choke hold and bit off a large portion of her right ear. Officer Harris had to have several surgeries to repair, as well as possible, the severe damage to her ear.

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**Good Morning, Ms. Stevens and Mr. Loud,**

I would like to thank you all for the generous support you have shown me and my family over these past few months. It is difficult when a family member gets sick; it is even more difficult when you are that family member. The stress that can be placed on a family could be tremendous without support from friends and loved ones. We had that not only from our work family but from you guys as well.

When I first got sick I was told by my Captain, Ansel “Wayne” Harmon, that Lieutenant Jason Reynolds had notified the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) of my situation.
But allow me to tell you about it firsthand. Several years ago I was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder. This disorder is manageable with the proper medication and monitoring. Well, this past year my disorder turned into the more critical version and I had to be admitted to the hospital again. This was not my first time being admitted to the hospital but this time was the most serious. To make a long story short, it was really bad, but with support from family and friends and trust in God, I got better. I have been back to work for nearly two months and I can honestly say that your support has been a real help. I never thought that when I joined the CPOF that I would be one of those in need of assistance. I joined with the intention of helping others. I am truly indebted to the Foundation for all the help it has provided to my family and me.

Sincerely,
Gregory Down, Laveen, AZ

On behalf of Theresa Stevens and Richard Loud, we thank Detention Officer Down, a Supporting Member at the 4th Avenue Jail, for his very gracious letter. We were gratified to assist him and are happy that he was able to return to work.

Pictured at right: CPOF Representative Liz Shaffer-Smith, Correctional Officer II Roy Burnett and ASPC-Winslow Warden Berry Larson. The two grandchildren (ages three and four) of Officer Burnett and his wife (also a Correctional Officer) died in a house fire in Seattle, Washington. Warden Larson purchased airline tickets for the Burnettts to fly to Seattle to attend their grandchildren’s funeral. Without his foreknowledge, Warden Larson was given a check from the CPO Foundation to reimburse her for some of the expense.

To the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Board of Directors, CPOF Representatives Richard Loud and Theresa Stevens, Captain Ansel Harmon and Lieutenant Jason Reynolds from the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Department,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the support, both emotional and financial, shown to me in this time of great loss. My husband, Frank D. Urbina, tragically lost his life while painting the exterior of the Lower Buckeye Jail. Frank loved what I did in the Sheriff’s Department and had much respect for my fellow Officers. He would truly have been honored by the kindness shown me and our family in this time of deep loss.

Officer Christina Urbina, Jail Intelligence Division, Estrella Jail,
Maricopa County Sheriff’s Department

Our condolences continue for Officer Urbina, who at Captain Harmon’s request received a CPOF check to assist with funeral expenses for her husband.

Frank Urbina and his business partner were painting the Lower Buckeye Jail when the hydraulic lift on which they were standing tipped over. The two men fell six stories to the ground. Responding Officers and medical staff conducted CPR on each until paramedic services arrived. Sadly, Mr. Urbina and his partner were later pronounced dead at a Phoenix hospital.
North Carolina

North Carolina is our newest Payroll Deduction State!

Laura Matthews, CPOF North Carolina Field Representative, presented North Carolina Department of Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Joe Prater with the 500 Supporting Membership applications needed to begin payroll deduction in North Carolina.

Congratulations to Laura and to ALL who worked so hard to achieve this important goal for the CPO Foundation in North Carolina!

Administrator Mike Ball of Avery/Mitchell Correctional Institution presented a catastrophic assistance check to Nurse Jane Smith for her fiancé, Correctional Officer Jeffery Clark. They both work at Avery/Mitchell CI. Officer Clark was critically injured when he fell from a ladder while sawing off a tree limb. He suffered many broken bones and was expected to have a long recovery period.

NC Department of Public Safety Commissioner David Guice presented Ms. Lois Bowen a CPOF assistance check. Ms. Bowen is an Administrative Assistant with the NCDPS who was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2013. She underwent surgery and radiation treatment, and also suffered two staph infections over the course of the year. Her check was to help with the many extra expenses she incurred.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Slagle of Mountain View Correctional Institution presented a CPOF assistance check to Ms. Kelly Smiley (center). Also pictured is Administrative Services Manager Julie McKinney. Ms. Smiley is an LPN at Mountain View CI who lost many possessions and, sadly, a family pet in a house fire that occurred while the Smiley family was at church.
Dear Laura Matthews,

I just wanted to say thank you so much for making the trip to Alexander Juvenile Detention Center to make the presentation to the Rays. I also want to say thank you for getting the application [for assistance] through the system. I know Jeff Ray’s family was very touched and the financial assistance was greatly appreciated.

It is wonderful the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is available for our employees and I have been nothing but impressed with you and the organization. Your assistance and compassion to Ray’s family is very valued. In this photo, at left is Melody Ray (Jeff Ray’s daughter) and then Deborah Ray (his wife) directly beside you.

Thank you,

Kimberly D. Cowart, MS, QMHP Director, Alexander Juvenile Detention Center

Youth Counselor Jeffrey Ray was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in July 2013. He began chemotherapy and radiation treatments and had surgery on November 21, 2013. We are very sad to report that Officer Ray passed away on December 3, 2013.

Good morning, Mrs. Matthews,

We received the presentation package on January 6, 2014 and delivered it to Mrs. Creel the next day. In this photo from left to right are Superintendent IV Ms. Faye Daniels; Mrs. Diane Creel, wife of Correctional Officer Alan Creel; and myself, Joe J. Solano III.

On behalf of Pamlico Correctional Institution, I would like to extend our appreciation for CPOF. You and your staff are special people and words cannot express the impact you made on the family, friends and coworkers of Correctional Officer Alan Creel.

Thank you and God Bless,

Joe J. Solano III, Assistant Superintendent II - Custody and Operations,
Pamlico Correctional Institution, Bayboro, NC

Correctional Officer Alan Creel died at home from a heart attack on December 26, 2013.

Correctional Officer Angel Cherry of Bertie Correctional Institution received a CPOF assistance check after her son, Dezmand, had surgery to remove a brain cyst. Bertie CI Administrator Castelloe presented the check.
Dear Mrs. Stevens,

On behalf of the entire Uzuegbunem family and myself, we kindly appreciated the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation’s monetary gifts that really helped us in our out-of-pocket medical expenses, as well as frustrations and depressions involved with the unexpected assault.

Please, Mrs. Stevens, extend my family’s whole-hearted appreciation to all the members of this great Foundation. I sincerely hope that the Almighty Lord will bless all of you and guide all of you in this difficult task of trying to reach all people who have encountered any sort of disaster/assault.

Thanks very much for your generous gifts.

Sincerely,

Thomas O. Uzuegbunem (Sr)

Correctional Case Manager III Thomas Uzuegbunem of Mabel Bassett Correctional Center was assaulted on September 23, 2013. A female offender threw boiling hot water onto CCM Uzuegbunem’s face and neck, resulting in first and second degree burns. CCM Uzuegbunem is pictured above left with Mabel Bassett CC Warden Rickey Moham receiving a CPOF assistance check.

Probation Officer Cathy McLean of Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center was in an accident in her state vehicle and suffered crushed vertebrae, essentially a broken back, and chip fractures to her hips. She is pictured (center) with Brian Thornburgh, District Supervisor of Oklahoma County Community Corrections/Residential Services, and CPOF Oklahoma Representative Ann Tandy receiving a CPOF check to help with extra expenses incurred during her recovery.

Chief of Security Aboutonaa El Habti, a Supporting Member at Clara Waters Community Corrections Center, and his family suffered severe damage to their home from the tornadoes of May 2013. Additionally, COS El Habti’s wife, Cynthia, has cancer that had advanced to the Stage III level by early December 2013. COS El Habti is pictured here with Mr. Thornburgh receiving a CPOF assistance check.

Case Manager Sandy Gleyre of Charles E. “Bill” Johnson Correctional Center received assistance from the CPOF Foundation at the recommendation of Warden Janice Melton (pictured here with CM Gleyre) after a sudden and tragic death in her family created unexpected financial obligations for CM Gleyre.
Good Afternoon, Theresa,

I was so overcome with emotion when I received the financial gift from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation on behalf of my facility’s recommendation. I was prepared to offer my children a very “light” Christmas this year and your contribution will be extremely helpful.

I have been on a very emotional journey since I received my diagnosis in late September and I have tried to remain optimistic and high-spirited through it all. Part of what kept me going was the unconditional love I receive daily from my children and the overwhelming love and support from my DOC family.

It warms my heart to know that organizations like the CPOF are gracious and thoughtful enough to assist those in need.

Please accept the enclosed photo [upper right] of Warden Addison presenting me with my very special Christmas package (excuse my appearance -- I had just recovered from bawling my eyes out from excitement/shock/surprise) as well as the photo of my children and me.

Sincerely yours,

Tracie Jenkins, Warden’s Secretary, Joseph Harp Correctional Center

Secretary V Tracie Jenkins, a Supporting Member, is a single mother of two. She was diagnosed with Lupus and has several prescriptions that she must take. Also, Tracie’s home suffered damage from the tornados of May 2013. The CPO Foundation was pleased to assist her at the recommendation of Joseph Harp CC Warden Mike Addison.

Theresa,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and everyone involved within the CPO Foundation for everything you have done for our family during this difficult time. From the Thanksgiving gift card, to the monetary donation to presents for the kids to have under the tree, we will be forever grateful for the support you have shown. Cancer is never an easy battle, but I have seen over and over that there are abundant blessings to be found in any situation. Your Foundation’s generosity during this time is certainly one of them.

I have enclosed a photo of our family taken the day before Jason started chemotherapy, and one of Jason on New Year’s Eve 2013 in the hospital while he was receiving chemo.

Thank you again,

Caitlin Owen, Secretary V, Jeff McCoy Central District Community Corrections

Ms. Owen’s husband, Jason, was diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma and was undergoing chemotherapy administered as an inpatient for five-day periods at a time. As Jason could not work during these periods, the continued on page 45
Dear Shanna, Charleene and CPO Foundation Board Members,

Writing this letter to express our family’s gratitude to the Foundation is so very difficult -- and so very imperative.

On April 8, 2013 our family experienced the unthinkable -- the sudden death of our beloved son, Chuck. We were blessed to have loved him deeply for 31 years. We are now left with his precious memories and the mysteriousness of life. The answers we continue to search for, long for, are ultimately only known to our good Lord. Chuck was a wonderful and precious gift from God to all of us, if only for a brief time.

At a time like this, the kind wishes, condolences and concern the Foundation has shown us is genuinely appreciated. Thank you from the entire family for the financial assistance we received; the check eased the burden of financial stress during our time of grief.

With our heartfelt gratitude,

Linda and Bill Worthen and Family, Canon City, CO

Linda Worthen is a Lieutenant at Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility; her husband, Bill, is a Correctional Officer who also works at CTCF. We thank Linda very much for this moving letter and continue to keep the Worthen family (pictured top left) in our thoughts and prayers.

Hello Shanna,

My apologies for this taking so long for me to send to you. I have been sick quite a bit lately because of the chemotherapy treatments I have been receiving. I have been diagnosed with metastatic colon cancer of the liver, which is inoperable, and also bone cancer in the spine (vertebrae). I will be receiving ongoing chemotherapy for the next three months [as of November 1, 2013], at which time they will reevaluate the treatment plan. Attached is a family picture (minus our newest granddaughter).

Sincerely,

Correctional Officer Harry Atwood, Pueblo, CO

Correctional Officer Harry Atwood is a Supporting Member at San Carlos Correctional Facility in Pueblo. He is receiving his chemotherapy at Rocky Mountain Cancer Center in Denver, a 114-mile trip each way from his home. We send Officer Atwood our best wishes for a successful treatment program, and thank him for this beautiful family photograph.

Hello,

My name is Guy Edmonds and I “just” retired from the Colorado DOC. I first want to say that I am very sad that Bob Kahanic is still not available to travel, but I hear he is home healing and my prayers are with the Kahanic family.

I only have a little space and in the next issue of the CPO Family I will write more, but for now I am the new CPOF Field Representative for Colorado. I have been a Supporting Member for many years, seen all the good work CPOF does for Correctional staff and I am very excited to start visiting all our prisons and share CPOF. I am just an email away and can be reached at guyedmonds1@gotmail.com. Stay safe, and I’ll see all of you Coloradans SOON!
Agent Mayra Ramírez-Barreto
Extradition Division
Puerto Rico Department of Justice, Puerto Rico
EOW: January 10, 2013

Correctional Officer Eliezer Colón-Claussells
Special Operations Unit
Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Puerto Rico
EOW: January 10, 2013

Senior Officer Eric Williams
United States Penitentiary – Canaan
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Prisons
Pennsylvania
EOW: February 25, 2013

Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati
Metropolitan Detention Center- Guaynabo
United States Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Prisons
Puerto Rico
EOW: February 26, 2013

Executive Director Tom Clements
Colorado Department of Corrections, Colorado
EOW: March 19, 2013

Correctional Officer Gilbert Cortez & K9 Mattie
Southern Regional K-9 Unit - California Rehabilitation Center
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
California
EOW: March 25, 2013
Honored at the CPO Foundation
Annual National Memorial Ceremony
Friday, June 6, 2014 at PROJECT 2000 XXV

Correctional Officer Brandon Kountz
United States Penitentiary - FCC – Beaumont
United States Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Prisons, Texas
EOW: March 31, 2013

Mental Health Psychiatric Social Worker Malcolm Lee Jr.
Oahu Community Correctional Center
State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety
EOW: May 31, 2013

Correctional Officer Agostino Fare
Gloucester County Department of Correctional Services
New Jersey
EOW: June 12, 2013

ACO IV- Sergeant Michael Makiya
Oahu Community Correctional Center
State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety
EOW: June 15, 2013

Materials Handler Supervisor Michael Baskett
Federal Medical Center – Butner
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Prisons
North Carolina
EOW: November 26, 2013

Lieutenant Brian Feldt
United States Penitentiary – Big Sandy
United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Prisons
Kentucky
EOW: December 23, 2013

Correctional Deputy Jeremy Meyst
Tulare County Sheriff’s Office, California
EOW: December 24, 2013
Honored at the CPO Foundation
Annual National Memorial Ceremony
Friday, June 6, 2014 at PROJECT 2000 XXV

Correctional Sergeant Ruben Thomas III
Columbia Correctional Institution
Florida Department of Corrections, Florida
EOW: March 18, 2012
Owing to conflicting trial dates, Sergeant Thomas’ family members
were unable to attend Project 2000 XXIV held in June 2013 in Reno, Nevada.

From the Past

Probation / Parole Officer II Daniel Jones
Eighth Judicial District – Department of Correctional Services
Iowa Department of Corrections, Iowa
EOW: July 27, 2007

Lieutenant Frank Rankin, Jr.
Yreka Work Camp
California Department of Corrections, California
EOW: January 30, 1960

From the Military

Corrections Officer Dave Morgan
Petty Officer 2nd Class
Navy Master at Arms
Naval Security Force, Rochester, New York
State Correctional Institution-Dallas, Pennsylvania
EOW: August 10, 2013

Staff Sergeant Jonathan Schmidt, U.S. Army
192nd Ordnance Battalion, 52nd Ordnance Group
20th Support Command (CBRNE)
Fort Bragg, North Carolina
EOW: September 1, 2012
Christmas greetings, photos and notes from some of “our” Surviving Family Members

Merry Christmas

happy holidays love the allen’s

C/O John Allen-EOW 3/16/2005 (NY)

C/O José Rivera-EOW 6/20/2008 (CA)

Deputy Sheriff Christopher Burgert-EOW 3/31/2004 (PA)

C/O Gary Rowe-EOW 2/7/1983 (CA)

Clerk Rhonda Osborne-EOW 10/21/2004 (TX)

Fire Fighter Specialist Arnaldo Quinones EOW 8/30/2009 (CA)

Dear CPoF Family,

Thank you so much for always remembering Sophia. She loves that a package comes in the mail just for her. You put an extra happy smile on her face. Please know that you make a difference in our lives. We are so grateful that you honor Arnie and us. May you all have a healthy and blessed New Year. Lori Q
Christmas greetings, photos and notes from some of "our" Surviving Family Members

Deputy Sheriff Allen "Pete" Myers-EOW 9/19/2000 (SC)

Sr. Officer Specialist Christopher Cooper-EOW 4/7/2011 (KS)

C/O Timothy Betts-EOW 8/26/2012 (IN)

C/O Dennis Stemen-EOW 7/5/1994 (OH)
Christmas greetings, photos and notes from some of “our” Surviving Family Members

C/O Ronald Johnson-EOW 4/12/2011 (SD)

C/O Scott Williams-EOW 4/3/1997 (CA)

C/O Daniel Leach-EOW 11/21/2009 (NV)

Dear Kim,

Thank you for remembering us. I’m including a card regarding our son, Alan. 

The boys and I are proud to help Children’s Hospital. Every December we celebrate with a golf tournament which we refer to as a “golf hole.” Please go on line and check it out.

Our family’s children are Army calm.

Christmas 2003, I graduated in May from Loyola Marymount University in LA. My daughter is 21, she is going into college. We are lucky.

Mary Christmas to you and yours!

From Tracy Leach

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Dan Leach Memorial Fund
Mission Statement

The future of Nevada lies with our youth. To honor Dan Leach and his lifelong commitment to this principle, the Memorial Fund will provide less fortunate children with positive, fulfilling community-based and academic-based endeavors currently beyond their reach due to financial barriers.
Correctional Officer Jared Lawson is a Supporting Member at FCC Florence in Colorado. His daughter, Bree, was born with heart defects and had open heart surgery in July 2013. Frequent trips over the next several months to and from Denver to the doctors created many extra expenses for the Lawson family. The CPO Foundation was pleased to provide assistance, and we are hopeful that all goes well with Bree’s recovery. Here is the lovely Christmas card that the Lawsons sent to CPOF Federal Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator Kim Blakley.

We are sad to report that Senior Correctional Officer Adam Quiles of FDC Miami, Florida, drowned while jet skiing with his family on the Fourth of July, 2013. The Foundation assisted the family, pictured at left, with funeral expenses.

At right is a photo of the presentation of a CPOF assistance check for Lindsay Joyce of FCI Jesup in Georgia who was seriously injured in a car collision with a train. Although Lindsay wasn’t expected to live, she is making a miraculous recovery. However, she will be out of work for an extended period of time for rehabilitation. Pictured left to right: Laura Phillips, CPOF Federal Representative; Suzanne Hastings, Warden, FCI Jesup; Jason Rogers, stepfather of Lindsay Joyce accepting the check; and Mary Ann Branch, Assistant Health Services Administrator, FCI Jesup (Lindsay’s Supervisor).

Correctional Officer Brandon Burget, a Supporting Member at FCI Pekin in Illinois, lost his home and all possessions in the tornado that struck the town of Washington, Illinois in mid November 2013. He received a CPOF check to help in the aftermath of this natural disaster. He is pictured at left with his wife, Rebecca, and daughter, Zoe.

Correctional Officer Russell Dedeaux III, a Supporting Member at FCC Terre Haute in Indiana, is pictured at right with his wife, Kenndra; their son, Josiah; and Maliyah. His daughter, Maliyah, was born 16 weeks prematurely on October 14, 2012 and was in the NICU for five months.
The family received assistance from the CPO Foundation to help with the many extra expenses they incurred from frequent visits to specialists and therapy sessions for Maliyah. We all hope she continues to thrive. Officer Dedeaux

Glenda “Len” Davis, wife of Cook Supervisor and Supporting Member Thomas Davis of FCI Edgefield, South Carolina, has been fighting cancer since 1996. Len had surgery in early April 2013 to have a tumor removed on her neck. Ensuing complications required another surgery in late July 2013. Len continues to undergo treatments and we are keeping her and Thomas in our thoughts and prayers. Len and Thomas are pictured at left with Laura Phillips who has just presented them with a CPOF assistance check. At right is a photo of Len and Thomas that they sent to Kim Blakley.

Foreman Granville Ridgeway, another Supporting Member at FCI Edgefield, suffered a heart attack and spent several weeks hospitalized in Atlanta. He is pictured at left with Laura Phillips, who is once again doing one of her favorite things: presenting a CPOF assistance check.

Correctional Officer Antonio Jenkins, a Supporting Member at Grand Prairie in Texas, is pictured at right with his CPO Foundation assistance check. The Jenkins family lost everything in a house fire in December 2013.

Material Handlers Supervisor Kenneth Greenlee, a Supporting Member at FCI Texarkana in Texas, was diagnosed with ALS (“Lou Gehrig’s Disease”) in July of 2013. For the next several months he had to travel many times to and from Houston for treatments. The CPO Foundation assisted Kenneth with the many expenses he incurred from these trips. As of mid December 2013, unfortunately his condition was worsening rapidly and he was unable to work at all. At left is a picture of Kenneth with his wife, Wendy, and sons, Daniel and Dalton. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.
Correctional Officer Donald Williams of FCI Beckley in West Virginia suffered a house fire in January 2014 caused by a short in a light fixture. The damage was considerable, rendering the house unliveable. Officer Williams, a Supporting Member, is pictured here receiving a CPO Foundation check from Jill Carver, Union President of Local 404.

Kim Blakely received this wonderful Christmas card from Counselor Tammylee Slinka Beam and her husband, Senior Officer Specialist Nathan Beam, both Supporting Members at USP Hazelton in West Virginia. Their son, Hunter, was diagnosed in early 2013 with a rare genetic disorder called MPS II or, ironically, Hunter syndrome. Briefly, the disorder results in a host of developmental issues and organ and neurological complications. The Beams have spent months taking Hunter to and from treatments, resulting in many out-of-pocket travel expenses. The CPO Foundation provided assistance to the Beams, and keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

To the CPOF,

I would like to express my gratitude to the CPO Foundation for your sympathy and donation following the tragic death of my beautiful wife, Linda. She was my everything and I will miss her forever. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

Our son, Aron, is nine years old and has his mother’s personality “on steroids.” He is an awesome young man.

Thank you so much for standing behind my family during these dark, painful times in our lives. My faith in our Lord is strong and with time we will heal as a family.

Jim Sullivan, Bastrop, Texas

James Sullivan, D.D.S. is a dentist at FCI Bastrop in Texas. In March, he and his family were vacationing in Honduras where, sadly, Linda drowned while snorkeling. Dr. Sullivan received a CPOF check to help with funeral and related expenses. He is pictured here with Linda and Aron.
Dear Ms. Lee,

Thank you for all the assistance you and the CPO family have provided for me and my family. I appreciate all the help regarding my recent house fire. Again, thank you and the CPO so much. I sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Case Manager Soncia Hilliard, Hazelhurst, MS

Case Manager Hilliard’s house sustained extensive smoke damage from a fire that destroyed her eldest son’s room. The Hilliard family of five had to live in a hotel until the damage was repaired and the house was habitable again. Ms. Hilliard is pictured here (center) with CMCF Warden Eydie Winkel (left) and CPOF Mississippi Representative Vanessa Lee.

Dear CPO Foundation,

It is with sincere gratitude that I write this letter. I want to thank the CPO Foundation for their kindness and generosity. The money was most certainly helpful and has been applied toward the many out-of-pocket medical expenses that we continue to incur throughout this journey. It was a great feeling to know the Foundation would assist me in this way. In my time of need it really eased some of the financial burden I was facing. More than the financial assistance, we so greatly appreciate the thought behind the gifts as well as the prayers that you have lifted up on my behalf.

I was first diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2009 and went into remission November 2009. In March 2013 I found out that my cancer came back in my right breast. On April 9, 2013 a mastectomy was performed. My chemotherapy treatments began June 2013 and ended October 2013. I began radiation treatments November 2013, and will continue treatment until December 2013. Throughout this process I was not able to work for five months. I am back at work part-time as I continue radiation treatments. After radiation I will have reconstructive surgery on my right breast and do not know how long I will be out of work during this process. With the support of CPO I will be able to have some financial relief.

In closing, I appreciate what the CPO Foundation has done for me. Your considerate actions have helped lighten my burdens. For that, especially, I thank you.

Vocational Instructor Brenda Benson, Crystal Springs, MS

We wish Instructor Benson the very best for a successful recovery. Above, she is pictured (center) with Vanessa Lee and Mrs. Benson’s supervisor, Vocational Director Lashetta Wilder.

Dear CPO Foundation Members,

My family and I were extremely touched to receive your support during the flood of our home. Helping us to get through the extremely cold days and nights in a warm comfortable place and helping

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to repair our home was truly a blessing. We were glad to know that you cared enough to show your kindness and we appreciate everything that CPOF has done and is doing for Correctional Officers everywhere. A special thanks to Ms. Vanessa Lee for her help and support.

Thanks again for your assistance.

Correctional Officer IV Laticha Swinney and Family, Bentonia, MS

C/O IV Swinney’s house was completely flooded when ceiling pipes burst on January 7, 2014. No one was home at the time so that no emergency services could be called. CMCF Warden Eydie Winkel, C/O IV Swinney and Vanessa Lee are pictured at right.

To: CPO Foundation

There are simply no words to express my heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and support that was extended toward my family during the time of my wife’s illness and following her home-going. Those of you who gave just a minute to listen, took a second to hug, or just stopped by and smiled, it really meant more than you will ever know. I am truly blessed to have this extended family within MDOC.

Trying to leave no stones unturned, I would like to send a big “THANK YOU” for each and every prayer, condolence, thought and kind word; and for various expressions, food, flowers, monetary contributions and your presence at the funeral. God only knows how this much love and concern really helped soothe my heart. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness. It’s during times like this where true friends really stand out and we learn just how much friends and family mean to us.

Sergeant Carl Arnold, Hazelhurst, MS

Sergeant Arnold’s wife, Jennis, passed away from liver failure on September 16, 2013. She had had a liver transplant in mid 2010. Our sympathies are with Sergeant Arnold and his family on this sad loss. Sergeant Arnold is pictured here with Vanessa Lee.

This is Vanessa Lee and as you can see from the photos above I truly appreciate the opportunity to present checks to Mississippi Correctional Staff needing a hand up due to a recent catastrophic event in their lives. Losing your home to a fire or flood, or losing a loved one to a recent passing is difficult and sad, but on the other hand being able to simply email Shanna in Headquarters and request a check and then personally to present that check to employees like these four is wonderful.

I’m also on the CPOF National Honor Guard team.

Being a member of an organization that truly “Takes Care of Our Own” makes it easy for me to pay it forward. If you are currently not a Supporting Member of CPOF, become one today. You can contact me at vlee@mdoc.state.ms.us or simply go on line cpof.org and download an application form.
To the CPO Foundation:

Thank you for your well wishes for our daughter, Emilee Smith, who passed away on July 8, 2013. She had just turned 13 on June 22. Emilee was the youngest of eight children and loved to help others. During her Celebration of Life on Sunday, July 21, 2013 I asked family and friends, if they wanted to keep Emilee's memory alive, “to be kind and help others.” Like any child, as parents we could not get our Emilee to clean her own room, but when it came to helping others, she was the first to volunteer.

She loved volleyball, swimming, scuba diving, and playing on the beach. She was in the school band and played the flute and piano. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Again, thank you for your support and encouragement during the loss of our youngest daughter.

Richard & Cheryl Ladeby, Madras, OR

P.S. I have worked at Deer Ridge Correctional Institution for 29 years and my wife, Cheryl, has worked there for eight years.

Mr. Ladeby is a Supporting Member at Deer Ridge C.I. who works in Food Services. Daughter Emilee had surgery last spring for a Stage IV brain tumor and spent two weeks in the ICU at Oregon Health & Science University. After that Emilee had to have physical and speech therapy at Emanuel Children’s Hospital to learn how to talk and walk again. At the request of East Oregon CPOF Representative Michael Seefeldt, the CPO Foundation assisted the Ladebys with travel expenses incurred by their visits to both medical facilities while Emilee was in recovery and treatment. Sadly, the Foundation's last assistance check to Richard and Cheryl was to help with funeral expenses when Emilee died on July 8, 2013.

Mr. Ladeby sent us these two photos to share, both taken on a December 2012 trip to Disneyland. The first [top left] is of Cheryl and Emilee; the other is of Richard, Emilee and Cheryl (with Pluto!).

To the CPOF,

Thank you very much for your generosity, caring, words of sympathy and comfort that have given me the strength to face this difficult time.

I am trying to cope with the crude reality of fate that has put me in such a tragic situation.

I am forever indebted to your kind concern. May I one day be able to “pay this forward.”

I am humbled.

I have enclosed two photographs.

The first is of my wife, Tina, and the other [right] is one I took upon receiving your generous offering.

Sincerely and in solidarity,

Security Officer John Ware, Pendleton, OR
Security Officer Ware is a Supporting Member at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution. His wife, Tina, died unexpectedly at home last September. We thank him for his heartfelt letter and the photos.

On behalf of Ruby’s family, Correctional Officer Ann Shear and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Two Rivers Correctional Institution Superintendent Jeri Taylor, Correctional Officer Michael Seefeldt, and all the Non-Security and Security Staff for all the prayers, the kind words, the visits, the calls, the contributions, the offers to donate time, the offers of any type of help needed, the flowers, the generous assistance from the CPO Foundation, and most important just for all of you, who are truly family when one of our own has a tragic loss. Ruby enjoyed working with all of you and would be very proud of you for the support and caring that you have shown to both Ann Shear and me.

Thank you all very, very much,

Sergeant Robert Veatch, Irrigon, OR

Sergeant Veatch is a Supporting Member at Two Rivers Correctional Institution. His wife, Ruby, also worked at TRCI as a BMCC Instructor. Ruby passed away on October 28, 2013 from lung cancer. The CPOF assisted Sergeant Veatch, pictured at right, with bereavement funds after the sad loss of Ruby.

Officer Ann Shear is Ruby’s daughter, also employed at TRCI.

Dear Shanna,

My wife, Terri, and I are very grateful for the money you have sent to us. It will definitely help after the unforeseen lengthy medical issues we had to go through. What was to be a 10-day hospital stay ended up being 42 days of which 16 were spent in Critical Care.

I was diagnosed with a pre-cancerous tumor in my pancreas. The Whipple procedure surgery that I had was very specialized and I had to go to Seattle, Washington to have it done. This is 250 miles from our home. After the surgery, I had severe complications with internal bleeding three times for which I required 11 units of blood. I also had additional surgery and infections. Needless to say it was a very difficult time for the both of us as well as our family.

We are both home now and I am on a long road to recovery. I am sorry it took so long to get this “thank you” to you, but I was waiting to put on some weight so my picture wasn’t so bad. We do thank you and all the CPOF members for your kindness and prayers.

Cordially,

Kevin and Terri McEvoy, Benton City, OR

Mr. McEvoy is a Health Services Technician and Supporting Member at Two Rivers Correctional Institution. He was hospitalized on January 8, 2014. He is pictured here with the CPO Foundation assistance check he received to help with the many out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of his time in the hospital that was so much longer than expected. We wish him all the best with his recovery.
Dear Terrasa,

On December 19, 2013 my youngest son, Chase [pictured at left] went outside to sight in his new muzzleloader. Upon firing the gun it exploded in his hands. The impact of the explosion and resulting shrapnel all but destroyed my son’s left hand. He sustained several pieces of shrapnel in his upper thighs and knee, but the largest extent of the damage was to his left hand. I immediately called 911 and he was taken to Shands at the University of Florida. He was in surgery for six hours. It was only through a miracle and an unbelievable surgeon that they were able to save all of his fingers. He now has a metal plate and eight screws holding the back of his hand together. He is looking forward to six months of physical therapy, but is very determined to make a full recovery.

We would like to say thank you to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for their support and a big thank you to Terrasa Wood for all of her help. The funds will help a great deal in paying for the physical therapy.

Correctional Officer Jackie Beech, Lake Butler, FL

C/O Beech is a Supporting Member at the Reception and Medical Center. At the time she wrote this letter, Chase was scheduled for what would be a fourth surgery during the week of March 10, 2014.

Terrasa Wood is one of the CPOF’s three Representatives in Florida.

On December 20, 2013, CPOF Florida Representative Gerard Van Der Ham presented a check for assistance to Officer Charlotte Epling-Gilbert of Sumter C.I., who is undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma. The assistance check provided was to help Officer Epling-Gilbert with expenses incurred, as she had no leave left. Warden Jimmy Johnson along with his Command Staff attended the presentation. Pictured from left to right: Sumter C.I. AWO Travis Lamb, CPOF Florida Representative Gerard Van Der Ham, Officer Epling-Gilbert, Colonel Wallace Douglass and Warden Jimmy Johnson.

Stephanie,

Just wanted to drop you a line and say THANKS!! I had the privilege of presenting Sergeant L.E. Manning with an assistance check. L.E.’s six-year-old stepdaughter, Jaiden, has a chronic/terminal illness (Hirshspungs Disease and Mowat Wilson Syndrome) and she requires frequent hospitalization. Over the past year she has been in and out of the hospital over a dozen times. We really were hoping we could get Jaiden with us for a photo opportunity but she was unable to make it. I do have a photo of the check presentation, with from left to right...
Colonel Jeff Howell, myself, Sergeant L.E. Manning and Assistant Warden Ronnie Woodall.

Knowing we have the Foundation in these times of need is comforting. Thanks for all you do each and every day!!

“Taking Care of Our Own”
Jim Freeman, Warden, Baker Correctional Institution

Stephanie,

Thank you so much for the monetary gift given to our family during this time. God is blessing us daily by using people like you.

Thanks again, and God bless you.
Rex and Lisa Collins, Starke, FL

Correctional Officer Rex Collins is a Supporting Member at Florida State Prison. In January 2014 he was diagnosed with extensive small cell lung cancer that required chemotherapy. He received a CPOF check to help with expenses while he was unable to work. We wish him the best with his treatment and prognosis.

Pictured at right are Correctional Officer Richard Martin, Mrs. Ronald Murphy (Tiffany) and Lieutenant Mark Forehand of Walton Correctional Institution in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Mrs. Murphy received a bereavement assistance check after Ronald, a Correctional Officer at Walton C.I., died from injuries sustained in an auto accident on January 7, 2014.

Privatization Policy:

It is the policy of the CPO Foundation that we do not recognize privatization in the field of Corrections.
The CPO Foundation adheres to the policies of the Federal Government’s Department of Justice.
These policies recognize only law enforcement officers within the public sector.
Virginia

Hi, Rachel,*

We broke ground for the Virginia Public Safety Memorial on Friday, January 3, 2014. I gave the CPOF check to the Virginia Public Safety Foundation (VPSF). The Virginia DOC Communications Director is working on a Newsletter and Department Internet advisement of the CPOF’s donation to the construction of the Virginia Public Safety Memorial. In the picture are Matthew Gray, Executive Director of VPSF; Director N.H. “Cookie” Scott, who is also my Deputy Director; and myself.

Thanks,
Correctional Officer Jim Gibson,
Harrisonburg Diversion Center,
Harrisonburg, VA

*Rachel Lee, CPOF Office Administrator

Dear Ms. Bredeson,

The generosity provided to the Scott family from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Board of Directors, Supporting Members and yourself is deeply appreciated during their time of need. It is comforting to know there is an outstanding organization such as yours willing to touch the lives of others.

During the presentation, Officer Terri Scott and Teriah expressed their overwhelming and appreciative thanks to the Correctional Peace Foundation’s contribution of relief.

Teriah, age ten, is a real trooper and princess. Her warm smile lights up a room. Teriah was able to come to the Correctional Center on the day of the presentation. It is hard to imagine that this little girl just last month [October 2013] was recovering from chemotherapy and a heart transplant.

Enclosed is a picture [above] of Officer Scott and Teriah. They are in the middle with myself, Warden Diggs, and we are surrounded by the Executive Team of the Deep Meadow Correctional Center, the James River Work Center and the Security Care Unit at the Medical College of Virginia.

On behalf of the Scott family, thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,
H.L. Diggs Jr., Warden, Deep Meadow Correctional Center, State Farm, VA
Correctional Officer Terri Scott’s daughter, Teriah, was diagnosed with cancer. She underwent chemotherapy but owing to certain medical circumstances had to have a leg amputated. Additionally, as stated in Warden Diggs’ letter, Teriah also had a heart transplant. Officer Scott had to take considerable time off work to care for Teriah and also incurred many out-of-pocket expenses. At Warden Diggs’ recommendation, Terri received a CPOF assistance check. We at the CPO Foundation salute Teriah and wish this brave young lady all the best for a successful recovery.

Charles Bryant, Recreation Supervisor at Bland Correctional Center in Bland, Virginia sent this photo of Bland CC Warden David W. Zook presenting Senior Correctional Officer Robert Thomas Jr. (center) with a CPOF assistance check. On the right is Major Everett R. Cox. Senior C/O Thomas’ son, Sam, is autistic. He has to see many specialists, some that are out of state. Much of his medication is considered experimental and is not covered by insurance.

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family of four was suffering financially. Thus Ms. Owens received a CPOF assistance check at the recommendation of Ann Tandy, Camille Porter and District Supervisor James Reed.

Theresa,

I just want to thank you and your Foundation for the wonderful work that you do. This [assistance] has been a wonderful blessing and a Godsend to help us with expenses and to make our Christmas brighter for my daughter and for our grandchildren. They will enjoy spending their gift cards. Words cannot express my gratitude and thanks to you and everyone.

Lieutenant Roy Weaver and Sherri Weaver, Braggs, OK

Left to right in this photo are Jess Dunn Correctional Center Warden Mike Mullin, Sherri Hughart-Weaver and Chief of Security Joe Hendrix. In early November 2013 the Weavers’ eldest granddaughter, Lindsay (15 at the time), badly injured herself playing sports. The injury was so close to her spinal cord that surgery was not an option. Lindsay spent almost two months in treatment at Shriners Spinal Hospital in Chicago. Her mother, Kimberly, is a single mom who lives with Roy and Sherri; she depleted her savings paying Lindsay’s medical bills. Warden Mullin, a Supporting Member, requested assistance for the family.
Dan Flores, Health Care Manager 2 at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center Medical Services, presented CPOF assistance checks to two Coyote Ridge CC Medical Services employees last year. Lori Telleria, Correctional Program Manager and the CPOF’s Liaison at Coyote Ridge, made the assistance recommendations and arranged for HCM 2 Flores to present the checks as Lori was temporarily unable to do so herself. Thank you, Dan!

First was Toni Hoffman. Per Lori, “Toni is a Secretary Senior for the Coyote Ridge Corrections Center Medical Services Department, whose husband injured himself severely at home. Due to impending expenses, her co-workers requested assistance from the CPOF that was quickly attended to. Thanks as always, CPOF. Your willingness to assist is appreciated!”

Dan Flores and Toni Hoffman are pictured at right.

The other recipient was RN Thomas Taylor who underwent extensive cancer treatment last year. He is pictured at left with Dan Flores.

March 24, 2014 update from Lori Telleria: “Tom is slowly improving and has made great strides. He was out for a visit about a month ago and still appears a bit weak and unsteady but is constantly getting better. He’s hoping to be back to work sometime this summer.”

CPOF Washington Representative Darren Feiler recommended a bereavement assistance check for Correctional Officer Holly Jackson of Stafford Creek CC after her husband, Lieutenant Charles Jackson, passed away from cancer in August 2013. Officer Jackson (on the right) is pictured here with Denise Brewer, CPOF Liaison at Stafford Creek Corrections Center.

Snohomish County Sheriff’s Deputy Jay Larkin and Retired Deputy Ron Meek, a Supporting Member, presented Deputy Andy Pierce, also a Supporting Member, with a check from the CPOF during the CPOF’s membership drive in October 2013. At the time Andy’s wife, Linda, was receiving cancer treatment at a medical facility in the Chicago area.
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ CREED

Bob Barrington
International Association of Correctional Officers (IACO)

To speak sparingly ...to act, not to argue ...to be in authority through personal presence ...to correct without nagging ...to speak with the calm voice of certainty ...to see everything, know what is significant and what not to notice ...to be neither insensitive to distress nor so distracted by pity as to miss what must elsewhere be seen ...

To do neither that which is unkind nor self-indulgent in its misplaced charity ...never to obey the impulse to tongue lash that silent insolence which in times past could receive the lash ...to be both firm and fair ...to know I cannot be fair simply by being firm, nor firm simply by being fair ...

To support the reputations of associates and confront them without anger, should they stand short of professional conduct ...to reach for knowledge of the continuing mysteries of human motivation ...to think; always to think ...to be dependable ...to be dependable first to my charges and associates, and thereafter to my duty as employee and citizen ...to keep fit ...to keep forever alert ...to listen to what is meant as well as what is said with words and with silence ...

To expect respect from my charges and my superiors yet never to abuse the one for abuses from the other ...for eight hours each working day to be an example of the person I could be at all times ...to acquiesce in no dishonest act ...to cultivate patience under boredom and calm during confusion ...to understand the why of every order I take or give ...

To hold freedom among the highest values though I deny it to those I guard ...to deny it with dignity that in my example they find no reason to lose their dignity ...to be prompt ...to be honest with all who practice deceit that they not find in me excuse for themselves ...to privately face down my fear that I not signal it ...to privately cool my anger that I not displace it on others ...to hold in confidence what I see and hear, which by the telling could harm or humiliate to no good purpose ...to keep my outside problems outside ...to leave inside that which should stay inside ...to do my duty.
Letters and Photos from States “All Over”

Illinois

Dear Shanna Bredeson,

I would sincerely like to thank you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for everything you have done for my family and myself. I returned back to work on November 12, 2013. I’m still in the healing process but doing well. I am recovering better than expected but still have a long road ahead. I am working full duty even with some overtime when I get a chance. I am pretty much completely healed except for my ankle. That may be months or years before it is back to normal but other than that I am doing great. I have had a lot of help from family and friends to get over this bump in the road. I cannot express enough how greatly appreciative I am for your foundation and everything you have done. I really thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Correctional Officer Josh Grunder, East Moline, IL

From Angie Caudill, East Moline Correctional Center Record Office Supervisor: “As of mid-October 2013, C/O Grunder was hoping to be back in November for light duty, but his doctor is not very positive. He is still walking with crutches and has his ankle in a boot. His chest is still sore from broken ribs and punctured lung. He dropped his crutches for the pictures.”

Pictured left to right: Assistant Warden of Programs Louis Hare, Major Troy Christopherson, C/O Josh Grunder, Warden Tod Van Wolvelaere and Assistant Warden of Operations Mark Williams.

Louisiana

Msgt. Otisstein Franklin, CPOF’s Volunteer Representative at Swanson Center for Youth in Monroe, Louisiana, sent us these photos of two Supporting Members at SCY who received assistance checks last September.

First is Sgt. Lonnie Harrell, who was treated for a rare fungus that developed on her lungs. She had to be off work for a considerable time and eventually had to take a medical retirement. She is pictured above (center) with SCY Director Vickie Shoecraft (left) and Msgt Franklin. Second is JJS III Jearline Smith, who was injured when, while separating two youths involved in an altercation, the
entire dorm erupted into fighting. JJS Smith suffered a broken arm and injuries to one leg. She is pictured (center) in the photo at bottom right on page 46 with Director Shoecraft and Msgt Franklin.

**Missouri**

**Stephanie,**

On April 16, 2013, staff of the Jefferson City Correctional Center gathered to honor and say farewell to Investigator I Josh Wyrick. Due to increasing health issues, Josh is unable to continue his career with Corrections. In this photo, Josh is holding the tribute plaque presented to him by JCCC. During the ceremony the CPO assistance check was also presented to Josh. In the photo at right are Deputy Wardens Kelly Morriss and Donna Cayer, Josh Wyrick and Captain Dave Corum.

Tina Fry, Administrative Office Support Assistant, Warden’s Office, JCCC, MO

Investigator I Josh Wyrick of Jefferson City CC was diagnosed with Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber (KTW) syndrome. KTW syndrome is a condition characterized by “port-wine” stains or birthmark malformations in the skin, soft tissue and bony growths (generally involving a limb), and vascular anomalies (varicose veins). In some cases, internal bleeding may occur as a result of blood vessel malformations involving organs.

Here [left] is a photograph of Warden Angela Mesmer presenting an assistance check from the CPOF to Corrections Officer I Patrick Milby at Women’s Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center. Cindy Nagel, Administrative Office Support Assistant, Warden’s Office Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center

C/O Milby and his family lost their home & all belongings in a fire on October 20, 2013.

**Nevada**

On behalf of the CPOF Board of Directors, Warden Dwight Neven and Associate Wardens of the High Desert State Prison, and myself, Lt. Keith McKeehan, it was a privilege and honor to present C/O Juan Zelaya with a gift from the CPOF to help “take care of our own” in his time of need.

In the photo from left to right are Sgt. Jay Barth (Zelaya’s supervisor), C/O Carlos Moran, C/O Juan

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Letters and Photos from States “All Over”

Zelaya, and Lt. Keith McKeenan. The photo was taken in front of the C/O Tracy Hardin Memorial at High Desert State Prison, Nevada.

Lt. Keith McKeenan, Nevada Department of Corrections
High Desert State Prison, Indian Springs, NV

Pennsylvania

Correctional Officer Dave Morgan, a Supporting Member at SCI Dallas, was injured in early 2010 while on active military duty in Kuwait. Correctional Officer Brian Patton, a fellow Officer and Supporting Member at SCI Dallas, was killed in the same accident.

The CPO Foundation assisted Officer Morgan periodically over the next few years with expenses related to his travel to and from medical treatments. We are sad to report that Officer Morgan passed away on August 23, 2013. This photo shows CPOF Volunteers Lieutenant Bill Bowden, Sergeant Mike Pucci and Officer Joe Hogan from SCI Dallas presenting a final assistance check to Officer Morgan’s family to help with funeral expenses.

Rhode Island

Correctional Officer Aubrey Andrews, a Supporting Member at the Maximum Security Facility, was seriously injured when he fell from a tree in June 2013 and broke several bones. He was hospitalized for a week and was off work for almost four months. He is pictured at left with Manny Leander, a longtime CPOF Volunteer in Rhode Island, receiving an assistance check.

Officer Andrews later wrote,

Dear Theresa,

Thank you for the generous check you sent me in October. It helped a lot.

I will continue to be proud of the Brotherhood [RIBCO] and always make donations to the CPOF.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Andrews

West Virginia

Correctional Officer II Thomas Doig, a Supporting Member at Northern Correctional Facility, has been off work since April 2012 due to an injury sustained at work. He slipped on ice and badly injured his knee on which he now has had five surgeries. He received a CPO Foundation
check to assist with mounting extra expenses. He is pictured at left with NCF Warden Karen Pszczolkowski.

Hi, Shanna,

Here [right] is a picture of the Purdum bereavement presentation. Pictured left to right: Myself, Kim Murphy, Ashleigh Purdum, Andrew Purdum and Lieutenant Brian McClain. I've also included a picture of the baby.

Ray Wagoner, CPOF Representative for West Virginia and Virginia

Correctional Officer I Andrew Purdum works at Tygart Valley Regional Jail. His wife, Ashleigh, gave birth to their son, Aiden, on December 6, 2013. Sadly, baby Aiden passed away ten days later during heart surgery.

Dear CPO Foundation,

On behalf of the Wyoming Criminal Justice Association, thank you for your support and participation in our event and for sharing your product/message with our members.

From the 2013 WCJA Board

Photo: The CPO Foundation’s table at the Wyoming Criminal Justice Association Conference held August 15-16, 2013 in Cheyenne, WY.

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Mrs. Lucile G. Plane, the CPOF’s first Lifetime Individual Sponsor, passed away on May 11, 2013 at the age of 98. She is pictured at right saying a few words at the Sunday Breakfast at Project 2000 IX in San Antonio, June 1998.

Mrs. Plane was a former Warden with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and has a State Jail named after her (see above, third column). She was highly respected for her role in enhancing the position of women in the Corrections profession. We regret her passing and remember her with great affection and admiration.
November 19, 2013

Glenn Mueller  
Chairman, CPOF  
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Dear Glenn,

I was looking through some old articles and magazines and came across a copy of ‘The American Correctional Officer’s Magazine’, September 1971, Vol. 1, No. 3. On page 2 there was a salute to the Officers involved in the 1971 San Quentin riot that included a reprint of a letter that was sent from the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers by Norm Carney, RIBCO’s first Secretary.

I guess it was always destiny that RIBCO, CA and CPOF would be associated. Out of tragedy comes something good.
We Salute

PAUL W. KRASNENES  FRANK P. DE LEON  JERE P. GRAHAM

The three Correctional Officers who were wounded during the unfortunate occurrence at San Quentin are Charles Breckenridge, 21; Sgt. Kenneth McCray, 39; and Urbanio Rubiaco, 24. Of the three, Rubiaco and McCray have been released from the hospital. However, Breckenridge, who was critically hurt, is still hospitalized. The latest report indicates he is in good condition considering the extent of his injuries.

The Staff of ACOM extends wishes for their speedy and complete recovery.

We were not able to attend the funerals of all three Correctional Officers who died at San Quentin. We did, however, attend the funeral of Jere Graham. Approximately 215 Uniformed Personnel attended, and as they filed by to pay their last respects to a Fellow Officer, our hearts went out to them...all of them. They were beautiful. Outside they formed an aisle way of green through which Jere's casket was carried. As the casket passed by they saluted. In our hearts, we saluted too...The "Long Green Line" of men in uniform.

—Ralph and Frances Duran

We would like to thank the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers for their letter, written so beautifully by Mr. Carney. Because it reflects, and expresses so well, our own feelings and, we believe, the feelings of many of our readers, we have chosen to print their letter; thus allowing it to speak for all of us. —Staff of A. C. O. M.
My name is Jarrod Corby and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that sent cards and emails after my Dad’s passing. Camie, Mom and I are still reading them with all the nice, thoughtful handwritten sentiments, thank you. The cards are beautiful and came from all over the United States.

I thought I knew all about what my Dad did in Corrections and at CPOF but that was not the case. When at Dad’s Memorial Service Don Novey spoke of knowing Dad for over 40 years, I listened; and when Mr. Gomez spoke and said that together they had built 22 prisons in California, I was thinking, “How did I not know that?”

March 24, 2014, as most of you can imagine, was a blur. My Mother, Char, was picked up by several members of the CPOF National Honor Guard, escorted to the mortuary, escorted to the reception and truly taken care of all day. To this day, and I’m sure for days to come, I will remember someone else whom I saw at the service and reception. Reading the names in the special “Marine Corps Register” also sparks my memory of attendees.

The folding and presentation of the American Flag was an awesome sight. I have seen the Flag formally folded a number of times, but at my Dad’s service it was just so much more special, in fact breathtaking.

On behalf of my sister, Camie Gould, and our mother, I send our sincerest thanks and appreciation to the CPOF Board of Directors, all of whom were in attendance; to Commander Dizmon; and to ALL the CPOF Honor Guard team. I know Dad would have been proud, because we are.

The Corbys and the Goulds