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TWO OFFICERS WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE WESTERN REGION TRANSPORTATION DIVISION LOST THEIR LIVES IN A TRAGIC VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON JANUARY 14, 2015



Corrections Officer V Christopher Davis and Corrections Officer V Eligio Garcia were transporting 10 inmates from a transfer facility in Abilene, Texas to the Rogelio Sanchez State Jail in El Paso when their prison transport bus hit a patch of ice on an overpass, causing it to slide off the highway and down an embankment. The bus then struck a passing train and was dragged along the railroad tracks until it broke apart. Both Officers and eight of the inmates suffered fatal injuries at the scene.



See pages 4-7 for the story and photos of the CPOF's National Honor Guard, Texas Honor Guards and others from across the United States at the Memorial and Funeral Services for these two Fallen Texas Corrections Professionals.

Top photo: The "Motorcycle Hearse" for Officer Christopher Davis, who was a motorcycle enthusiast and local motorcycle club member.

Photo at left: Motorcycle escorts and mourners.

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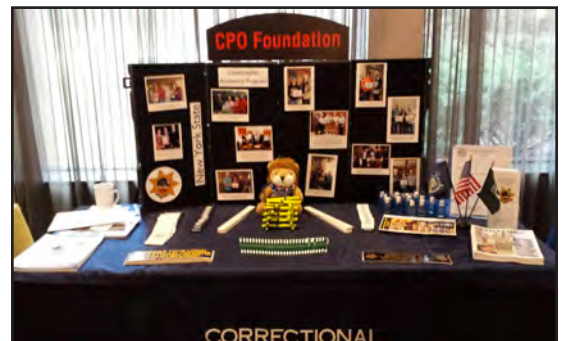
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Right: A CPOF information and membership recruitment table, this one by Jay West, one of our New York Reps. Our Reps set up tables such as these at Correctional conferences, conventions and the like all around the country.
Nice job here, Jay!



*This June, it's Project 2000 XXVI in Jacksonville, Florida.
NEXT YEAR: PLAN TO ATTEND
PROJECT 2000 XXVII
in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 9 - Sunday, June 12, 2016*

COVER STORY



Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc.



Correctional Officer V Eligio Garcia

On Monday, January 19, 2015 a team from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation National Honor Guard attended the Memorial Service and funeral of Officer Eligio Garcia in Abilene, Texas. Officer Garcia, along with Officer Christopher Davis, lost their lives in a horrific vehicle accident while transporting inmates to El Paso. Lt. Don Genwright, Sgt. Francisco Villegas, Officer Maria Chandler and Officer Gil Arizmendi from Texas; Officer Brian James from Pennsylvania; and Officer Gerard Van Der Ham from Florida were the members of the CPOF National Honor Guard who participated. After the Service, Officer Garcia's remains were transported to Albany, Texas for interment. Along the way, many people of the community saluted or bowed their heads as the hearse drove past. At the cemetery, flags were given to the Family, Texas Region I fired the 21-gun volley and Officer Arizmendi played "Taps." Officer Garcia then was laid to rest.

I would like to thank Region VI Director Eric Guerrero of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Captain James Hebner of the John Middleton Transfer Facility and the Family of Officer Eligio Garcia for allowing us to stand with our Corrections Family from across the Nation to honor Officer Garcia. He will never be forgotten for his sacrifice and we shall keep his family in our prayers, especially daughters Larson (age 12) and Ansleigh (age 10). I would also like to thank CPOF Vice Chairman Mr. Edgar Barcliff and National Director Mr. Paul Soto for their support and assistance at this endeavor.

Those of us in the National Honor Guard know that the calls to "saddle up" will continue to come, and we are always willing to do our duty -- but it is never easy. Each one of these Services leaves its own unique mark that stays with us forever.

David C. Wedzina

CPOF National Honor Guard Major/Assistant Commander



The members of the CPOF National Honor Guard Team named above by Dave Wedzina, who took this picture, with (far left and far right) two Honor Guard Officers from Washington State



Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Brad Livingston
Executive Director

February 4, 2015

Dave Wedzina
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Dear Mr. Wedzina,

On behalf of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Correctional Institutions Division, I would like to personally express my sincere appreciation to you. I have great admiration for your outstanding display of loyalty and support while laying to rest Correctional Officer Eligio Garcia, who lost his life during the tragic bus accident on January 14, 2015. Thank you for the respect you showed the family and the honor you gave them in this time of need. Your presence represented the support of correctional officers across the country who mourn the loss of one of their own. Our agency will remain grateful for your attendance.

Having you there was very uplifting to all who were in attendance. Thank you again for your commitment to a fellow correctional officer, and your expression of compassion during this time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Stephens".

William Stephens
Director

Correctional Institutions Division

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Correctional Officer V Christopher Davis

TO: Colonel S. Dizmon, Commander, CPOF Honor Guard
FROM: Lieutenant D. Genwright
SUBJECT: Deployment Abilene, Texas
DATE: January 27, 2015

Sir,

As ordered, the CPOF Honor Guard participated in the Memorial Service of Correctional Officer Christopher Davis (Texas Western Region Offender Transportation). The appointed team arrived on January 23, 2015 and stayed at the Residence Inn in Abilene. I arrived early that morning and made contact with Captain Hebner (John Middleton Transfer Facility) and Sgt. King by phone, since we had already met at the church and discussed the duties earlier that Monday. Capt. Hebner and Sgt. King commanded the Casket Watch and Flag Presentations. I was in charge of the remaining duties at the church and at the cemetery. Before the Family arrived all Honor Guards were stationed at the entrance doors. Once the Family arrived, escorted by Officer Chandler, a Corridor was conducted first and then a wall of Honor by all Honor Guards marched in place inside the church for the entire Service. Honor Guards included those from Texas Regions I, IV, V and VI; Maine, Connecticut, South Dakota, Oregon, California Transportation, and the Dallas Police Department. Officer Arizmendi played "Amazing Grace" as the Family entered the church. At the cemetery, a Corridor was set up as Officer Davis passed through carried by the pallbearers. The Texas Region I Honor Guard performed the 21-Gun Volley and Officer Arizmendi played "Taps." After the Services Officer Arizmendi and Officer Villegas traveled home. Lt. D. Genwright, Lt. T. Mosby, Officer O. Starks, Officer V. Lee, Officer M. Chandler, and CPOF Directors Mr. G. Mueller and Mr. E. Barciff went and met the Family for refreshments at the church dining hall.

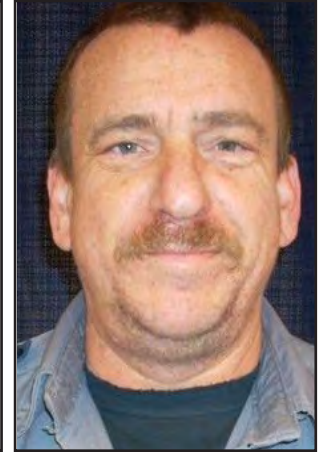
CPOF Honor Guard Participants:

Lieutenant D. Genwright – Commander
Lieutenant T. Mosby – Honor Corridor/Church doors
Sergeant F. Villegas – Honor Corridor/21 Gun Volley
Officer V. Lee – Honor Corridor/21 Gun Volley
Officer O. Starks – Honor Corridor/Church doors
Officer M. Chandler – Family Escort
Officer G. Arizmendi - Bugler





Mrs. Christopher Davis (Donna) with CPOF Board Member Edgar Barcliff, Jr. and CPOF Board Chairman Glenn Mueller



Officers Eligio Garcia and Christopher Davis



Honor Guards and Members of the CPOF National Honor Guard



Thirty Years and Counting

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) was founded over 30 years ago and is still growing.

The cover story illustrates the principal reason we were founded: to "Take Care of Our Own" and *be there* for the families of Correctional Staff who are killed or who die in the line of duty. As you read the story, you see how the CPOF National Honor Guard was there for the services of both Officer Eligio Garcia and Officer Christopher Davis.

As I proofread the first draft of this magazine, I thought it "needed more." As I turned one page after another, reading about one catastrophic situation after another, my heart ached for something more positive. Then I realized that all the cases I was reading about, taken together, *were* the "positive" - that, in addition to providing assistance and support when line-of-duty deaths occur, assisting Correctional families in times of need has come to be what CPOF is all about, as well.

So, smiles! This past April at the last CCPOA State Board meeting, as I was giving condolences to attendee Stephen Walker, whose father had recently passed away, I asked if I could take a photo of him with Connie Summers and Charlie Bennett. Stephen smiled and said of course. He went on to say, "I'm smiling because my Dad would want me to smile and carry on. My Dad was always a positive person." So I smiled too and took the picture.

Then I reflected on the fact that over the past 10 years alone CPOF has assisted over 30,000 Correctional families to the tune of over \$17,000,000 (yes, that is 17 million dollars), and I had to smile again.



Barbara Burchfield (second from left) with old friends in the early days of CPOF promotion and recruitment.

This photo was taken in early 1990.

To the "old friends," Char says, "Please drop me an email -- char@cprof.org --and let me know where you are now."

I started visiting California facilities in 1987 when there were only 12 prisons, and I did this alone. I learned more about California than I had learned in grade school history, and I must say that, as in many other states, California has prisons in some beautiful areas.

Unfortunately, my travels were long before GPS and I relied heavily on maps.

My husband Larry would assist me in planning my trips and just before my first visit to California Correctional Institution (CCI), in Bakersfield, Larry said those fateful words that we've all heard before: "You can't get lost!" Well, you guessed it, I got lost. In those days of course there were no cell phones so I always had to pull into a gas station and make a "Help me out here!" call. On that particular trip I had to pull over several times.

My first assistant on the road was Barbara Burchfield. I was lucky that Barbara liked visiting prisons and seeing our membership grow as much as I did. We were quite the team! Correctional Officers always liked seeing us and we enjoyed seeing them. Barbara's husband, Sergeant Hal Burchfield, was murdered in the line of duty at San Quentin State Prison in June of 1985. It was always gratifying that so many staff at facilities where Hal had worked (he worked at four different California prisons over the course of his career) loved seeing Barbara.

Later that year or maybe early 1988 I was at California Institution for Men (CIM) in Chino when I learned that Sergeant Don Alexander's young son Uriah was in need of a bone marrow transplant. I thought, seriously, how can we, how can CPOF, help this Correctional family? Since CPOF was originally founded to assist in line-of-duty deaths it would take a Board action to assist this young family. And indeed the Board of Directors did vote to assist Sergeant Alexander -- and thus the Catastrophic Assistance Program was born. Slowly but surely the word got around that there was an organization that would assist staff in a time of need. I say slowly because this was also before the Internet and email, so each case involved several, if not many, phone calls.



Loves her cell phone but the land line still works for Char in the office!

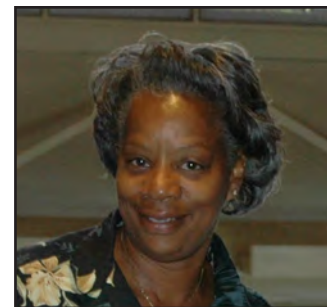
So as I read this magazine again I am proud that CPOF is here to assist Correctional staff nationally and, even better, that we are now just an email or cell phone call away.

Please check out our website if this is the first time you are reading the *CPO Family* magazine. We welcome you and encourage you to become a Supporting Member!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the thousands and thousands of you that signed up in the “early days.” You have made the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation the organization it is today.

Before I close, I would like to say that without the ladies pictured in the next column, CPOF would NOT be where it is today!

Top left photo: Our first volunteer, the late and much-missed Jean Smith, with her granddaughter Cassie; the top right photo is of our always dependable, and appreciated, Connie Summers; and the photo at right is of Ann House. Ann was our first volunteer in Utah. She is



standing next to a photo of her husband, Fred House, EOW January 28, 1988.



Finally, when you read the rest of this magazine and learn about ALL the families we have assisted, be proud in knowing about “the beginning” -- how CPOF was started and – well – now you know the rest of the story. -- Char

News: 2015 State Employee Charitable Campaigns

In the states and counties listed below you are able to donate to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation through State Employees Charitable Campaigns. State Employees Charitable Campaigns begin at different times, but almost all start sometime during September and end in November. Normally, these Campaigns last for six weeks. Please check the SECC (or equivalent) pamphlet available at your place of work and indicate the CPO Foundation as your charity of choice. Checking the box is VERY important! It is also very important that you check the box allowing release of your information. This is the ONLY way that we can receive your home address and add you to our mailing list. Thank you! -- Char

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 State of Ohio Combined Charitable Campaign
 Pennsylvania State Employee Combined Appeal
 State Employees Charitable Appeal
 Utah State Employees' Charitable Fund
King County Employee Giving Program
Employee Charitable Giving Program
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California



Dear Christina,

I have attached a picture from when Connie Summers was here and presented Teri Van Dongen with her check and also did the fundraiser. From left to right: Classification and Parole Representative Terry Lewandowski; Kristen Van Dongen (Teri's daughter); Chief Deputy Warden Gary Biaggini; C/C II Michelle Wofford; Laramie Fassbender; Connie; and (seated) Teri Van Dongen.

Again, thank you so much for your assistance.

Michelle Wofford

Classification and Parole Representative (A)
California State Prison - Los Angeles County,
Lancaster, CA

Parole Agent Teri Van Dongen was very seriously injured in an off-duty shooting incident and is not able to return to work. In addition to the CPOF check she received at the request of Ms. Wofford, Teri's department held a very successful CPOF membership drive for her. We wish her all the best in what will be a long recovery.

Dear CPOF,

I want you to know that we are extremely thankful for your generosity. Your gift cards and assistance check came at a much-needed time, and for that we will forever be thankful. Times were hard and very stressful, but thanks to everyone's prayers and your assistance we are now at a better time in our lives.

I admire the Foundation's ability to always step up and help families in need. Thank you for doing what you do.

Michaela Gibbs, Correctional Counselor I,
Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, CA

C/C I Gibbs, a Supporting Member, has been undergoing treatments and procedures to manage cancer for a considerable time. She is pictured at right with her family.



Captain Kerry Leisure, who worked at CDCR Headquarters, was killed in a motorcycle accident on January 23, 2014.

A golf tournament to raise funds for Captain Leisure's family was held at Mule Creek State Prison in the spring of 2014. It is so heartwarming when an institution takes action such as a fundraising event to assist one of "their own" in a time of need.

At left is an older photograph of the Leisure family with Captain Leisure on the right in the foreground.

Correctional Officer Mitchell Garcia, a Supporting Member at North Kern State Prison, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in October 2014. He began chemotherapy in early November. He fell very ill from the medication and spent two days in an ICU recovering. He received an assistance check to help with incidental expenses. Officer Garcia is pictured at right with his family.



Hello, my name is Dinah Gant. I am a Correctional Officer who began working for the agency in January of 2003. After two and a half years at Salinas Valley State Prison I transferred to CSP Los Angeles County where I have worked ever since. I have had the privilege of working in many aspects of Corrections, including general population, segregation units, administration and transportation.

In June of 2011 I was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma cancer that has now metastasized to other areas of my body. Due to this, I have had several surgeries that have caused me to be away from work. I am currently receiving treatment and, with my family, doctors, friends and work family,

I have a great support system and know I will get through this. I thank everyone who has contributed in my recovery, whether it's from a private prayer, call, personal visit, text or card. To the CPO Foundation, thanks for all you have done for me. Your extension of kindness does not go unappreciated.

Dear CPOF Members and Families,

On behalf of my wife Michelle and our family, I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the Foundation for their generosity and support. We also would like to thank all those at Avenal State Prison for their kindness and friendship through these difficult times. A special thanks to Lieutenant Mendiboure, Sergeant Davi and Officer Killman for truly going "above and beyond." May God Bless.

Jeff and Michelle Low and Family, Paso Robles, CA
Correctional Officer Jeffrey Low, a Supporting Member at Avenal State Prison, received an assistance check from the CPOF when he had to take time off work to care for Michelle during her recovery from surgery and subsequent radiation treatments. Michelle was diagnosed with cancer in October 2014.

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California



Lieutenant Jesus Esparza, Jr., a Supporting Member at Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, was diagnosed with lung and bone cancer in June of 2013. He underwent chemotherapy and received assistance from the CPO Foundation to help with medical expenses. Lt. Esparza was off work for the rest of 2013 and still had not been able to return to work as of May 2015. He is pictured here with his family in a Christmas season photo.

Correctional Officer Renato Ortega of San Quentin State Prison suffered two heart attacks in 2014, causing him to be off work for some time. The CPOF gave him an assistance check to help during this period of reduced income. Officer Ortega sent us this picture of himself with his family.



Correctional Officer Carl Crawford of North Kern State Prison was found dead in his home on August 22, 2014. At the recommendation of CPOF Board Member Paul Soto, an assistance check was given to Officer Crawford's son Michael to help pay the funeral expenses. Officer Crawford is pictured at left.

Correctional Officer Gabriel Rodriguez, a Supporting Member at Salinas Valley State Prison, is pictured at right with his son, Gabriel Jr., on Gabriel Jr.'s high school graduation day. We are very sad to report that Gabriel Jr. was shot and killed on May 9, 2014.



NEW YORK

New York Representative Jay West and several of our CPOF contacts at New York Correctional Facilities sent us these latest Catastrophic Assistance check presentations and provided the case descriptions and comments. Note: "Correctional Facility" is abbreviated to "CF" throughout. (For new readers: Jay West is the smiling guy with the impressive white hair!)

C/O Emma Terry, a Supporting Member at Adirondack CF, was hospitalized for surgery to rebuild her left knee. She continued her therapy at CVPH Medical Center. The CPOF wishes her much success.



Left: Kathy Forett, step-daughter of C/O Dwight Lafountain (far left) who is a Supporting Member at Altona CF. In the summer of 2014 Kathy was receiving treatment for Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a disorder affecting

the peripheral nervous system) at Fletcher-Allen Hospital in Vermont. Also in the picture is Mona Forett, Dwight's significant other. CPOF will keep this family in our thoughts and prayers.



Above: C/O Eugene Pelky of Bare Hill CF whose wife Joanna is enduring debilitating medical issues. CPOF will keep this family in our thoughts.

C/O Sheen Pombrio, a Supporting Member at Bare Hill CF, was receiving medical care for myeloma at Fletcher-Allen Hospital in Vermont. His doctors have given him an excellent prognosis and we wish him much luck on his complete recovery.



Left: Stella Rosio, wife of C/O and Supporting Member Jim Rosio of Clinton CF. Stella is recovering from emergency surgery performed at Adirondack Medical Center where she was diagnosed with a bleeding ulcer. CPOF wishes her a complete recovery.

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NEW YORK



C/O Mike Mussen of Clinton CF received an assistance check while he was recuperating from emergency surgery at Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake. CPOF wishes him a full and speedy recovery.

C/O Brenda Zelko, CPOF's contact at Elmira CF, presented assistance checks to C/O Mike Quick, left, and C/O Lenny Conklin, right. Both Officers received several stab wounds during an assault on them at Elmira CF in September 2014. CPOF wishes both Officers rapid and full recoveries from their injuries. Brenda emailed to Jay West, "Thank you again for everything you and CPOF do for everyone."



C/O Latisha Santana of Downstate CF whose son Jayvon (pictured with Latisha and Jay) was recently hospitalized for sickle cell anemia.



C/O Cory Bromley of Franklin CF (center) underwent emergency surgery at Fletcher-Allen Hospital in Vermont for a collapsed lung. Also pictured is

his dad, Supporting Member C/O Bill Bromley of Ogdensburg CF. The CPOF wishes Cory much luck in his recovery process.

CPOF Contact Sergeant Peck of Hudson CF presented a check to Lieutenant Joseph Occhibove whose young daughter Patricia was diagnosed in early 2014 with aplastic anemia, a rare and serious blood disorder. Also pictured is DSS Shanley. Patricia visits Boston Children's Hospital every other week to receive transfusions. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family.



Marcy CF contact Officer Joe Spina (myself, on left) presented an assistance check to Officer Rob Heinlein to help with medical expenses. Rob had a kidney transplant on March 2, 2014. Officer Heinlein and I would like to greatly thank the CPOF for their generosity.



NEW YORK

Jay West presented a check to Jennifer Duhigg whose husband, C/O Dan Duhigg of Downstate CF, passed away in August 2014. Also pictured is C/O Nick Laino, CPOF contact at Downstate CF.



C/O Don Smith of Mohawk CF received an assistance check after his wife Louise suffered a heart attack in early 2014. Also pictured is their daughter Heather who also is a C/O at Mohawk. Don and Heather are both long-time Supporting Members of CPOF. We all wish Louise continued success in her recovery.



C/O Debbie Linen of Taconic CF and her husband Ishmael have a son, Myles, with cerebral palsy. Also pictured is their daughter Ishyra.



Jay presented a check to C/O and Supporting Member Michele Freeman of Shawangunk CF whose spouse Vilma was recently diagnosed with lymphoma. Also in the picture are their twins, Isabella and Jonah.

Emily Marshall, daughter of C/O Brad Marshall of Upstate CF and wife Annette, suffered serious injuries in a car accident in early February of 2015. Thoughts and prayers will remain with this family during Emily's recovery process.



Karl Kanzenbach of Riverview CF was recently diagnosed with cancer. He is receiving medical treatment at Roswell Cancer Institute in Buffalo. Also pictured is his wife Krista.

TEXAS

CPOF Texas Representative Cathy Stokes (left) presented a bereavement check to Administrative Assistant I Debora Richardson who works in the TDCJ Department of Classification and Records. AAI Richardson's husband, Roy, passed away on January 31, 2015. Also pictured (right) is Ms. Kelly Enlow, AAI Richardson's supervisor.



CPOF Texas Representative Cathy Stokes also presented a bereavement check to Ms. Dawn Badger, a Clerk II in the TDCJ Department of Classification and Records. Sad to say, Mrs. Badger's baby, born three and a half months prematurely, passed away. Also pictured is Nicole Boston.

Maintenance Supervisor III Patrick Nelson of the TDCJ Facilities Division was killed by a drunk driver who drove his vehicle through the side of the Nelsons' home, crashing into the bedroom. Cathy Stokes presented a bereavement check to Mrs. Nelson (Teresita) at the recommendation of HR Specialist II Janet Dorsey. Pictured: Cathy Stokes, Teresita Nelson, Director of Classification Joni White (Mrs. Nelson's boss) and Gary Redden of the Facilities Division.



Parole Officer Lauren Hughes, a Supporting Member at the Huntsville IPO, had a house fire that destroyed half the house and many family possessions as well as causing considerable smoke damage. P/O Hughes is pictured here (second from right) receiving a CPOF assistance check. Also pictured: David Chaps, Robin Biscamp and Cathy Stokes.

Ms. Patricia Shelly, a Program Supervisor with the TDCJ Information Technology Division and a Supporting Member, received a CPOF assistance check from Cathy Stokes to help with medically-related travel and out-of-pocket expenses when her husband Richard was hospitalized for cancer surgery.



C/O V Annette Hazley, a Supporting Member at Michael Unit, was presented with a CPOF assistance check by Officer Garvernet Durham. Officer Hazley was diagnosed with breast cancer and was off work for a considerable time.



C/O III Jillian Rodriguez, a Supporting Member at Eastham Unit, received a bereavement assistance check after the death of her husband on August 30, 2014. With Officer Rodriguez are Cathy Stokes and Eastham Unit Assistant Warden B.J. Reeves.

Sergeant Jeremy Reineman, another Supporting Member at Eastham Unit, received an assistance check to help with travel expenses while his two-year-old daughter Savannah was undergoing bone marrow transplant surgeries. Savannah was diagnosed with Hurler's syndrome* and was being treated at Texas Children's Hospital, a 230-mile round trip for the Reinemans. Cathy Stokes presented Officer Reineman with the check.
**Hurler's syndrome is a rare metabolic disorder.*



Cathy Stokes presented a bereavement assistance check to Administrative Assistant II Peggy Taylor (second from right) of the TDCJ Training Headquarters and Academy after her husband passed away from liver cancer. Also pictured are Tina Cope and Director of Training Cody Ginsel.

Cathy Stokes presented a CPOF bereavement check to Program Specialist I Debbie Vandyke in Security Operations after Mrs. Vandyke's husband, Charlie, lost his battle with cancer in mid August 2014. With Mrs. Vandyke and Cathy is Warden Tony O'Hare.



Administrative Assistant IV Jacquelin Jordan of the TDCJ Rehabilitation Programs Division (RPD) received a bereavement assistance check after her daughter passed away suddenly in November 2014. Pictured: Mollie Hall, Charlotte Trow, Wanda Redding, RPD Director Madeline Ortiz, Jackie Jordan and Cathy Stokes.

Florida

Good Morning, Ms. Barone,

On behalf of Correctional Officer Joshua Akins and Jefferson Correctional Institution, thank you.

Here is a photograph of Warden Chris Hodgson and Officer Joshua Akins with the assistance check received from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

Thank you,

N. Mills for Warden C. Hodgson, Jefferson Correctional Institution
Correctional Officer Joshua Akins lost everything in a house fire on December 12, 2014.



On September 25, 2014, CPOF Florida Representative Gerard Van Der Ham presented a check for assistance to Lieutenant James Farmer, a Supporting member at Sumter CI. Lt. Farmer suffered an accident while mowing his lawn. Lt. Farmer had surgery for toe amputation, and several titanium rods were implanted in his foot. The check provided will help Lt. Farmer with medical and travel expenses.

Left to right: Gerard Van Der Ham, Sumter CI Warden Jimmy Johnson, Sergeant Mary Schoenauer, Lt. James Farmer and Major Michael Pabis.

Also on September 25, 2014, Gerard made two other assistance check presentations at Sumter CI. One was to Officer Thomas Ewell, a Supporting Member who was diagnosed with osteomyelitis and had been off work without pay for some time. In the photo at right are Gerard, Officer Ewell, Warden Jimmy Johnson and Major Michael Pabis.



The other check was for Officer Timothy Ryan, another Supporting Member who was referred for assistance by Lieutenant Danita Muse. Officer Ryan was riding his motorcycle to work when he was struck by a vehicle. At the time of the check presentation, Officer Ryan had undergone three surgeries and was expected to have an additional surgery. Gerard presented Lt. Danita Muse with Officer Ryan's check for her to deliver to him personally. Pictured at left: Gerard, Lt. Muse, Warden Johnson and Major Pabis.





Hello, Stephanie,
John and I are back on the road again. Here (left) is a picture of us at the Florida Corrections Academy in Orlando.

At right, we're visiting Santa Rosa Correctional Institution and had a picture taken with Warden Richard Comerford.



Warden Comerford is a strong supporter of the CPO Foundation, which we very much appreciate and have expressed as much to him.

Gerard Van Der Ham

John Williams is our longest-serving Representative in Florida. (His son Jerome was killed in the line of duty in July 1995.) We now have four Florida Reps: John; Gerard, who is also a member of the CPOF National Honor Guard Team; Terrasa Wood and Donald Almeter.



On September 16, 2014, Florida Representative Gerard Van Der Ham presented a check for assistance to Officer Joseph Bucaro, a Supporting Member at Zephyrhills CI. Officer Bucaro's son Jace has a serious medical condition that requires treatment in Chicago, IL. As is the case with many CPOF assistance recipients, the check provided will help the Bucaro family with medical and travel expenses.

Pictured from left to right: Gerard Van Der Ham, Officer Joseph Bucaro and Jace.

Kathy Van Der Ham, Gerard's wife, noted: *"This little guy has a very long battle ahead of him, and his dad was telling Gary that he has reached out for help to many and is so grateful CPOF came through for them."*

Dear Ms. Stephanie Barone,

I would like to take this time and thank you for the contribution that was generously given to help at our time of need.

My family and I have a long way to go but because of Foundations such as the CPOF you all make it easier to bear.

Thanks again. I am most appreciative. God Bless.

Robin Cooper

Secretary

Martin Correctional Institution
Indiantown, FL

Robin Cooper's husband Tommy suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized on 12/29/14 after undergoing open-heart surgery. Tommy was also on dialysis. At the time, Mrs. Cooper was a relatively new DOC employee with no time on the books. Her supervisor, Mr. John Bruggeling, recommended Robin for assistance.

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Florida



Ms. Erica Robinson, daughter of C/O Frances Williams, received a CPOF check to help with funeral expenses after her mother passed away on Oct 31, 2014. C/O Williams, a Supporting Member with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, had suffered from congestive heart failure for some time.

Pictured: Putnam County Sheriff Jeff Hardy, Ms. Robinson and CPOF Florida Representative John Williams.



On October 16, 2014, CPOF's Gerard Van Der Ham and John Williams presented an assistance check to Captain Stephanie Freaney, a Supporting Member at Lowell CI. Captain Freaney lost her home, vehicle and two pets to a fire the previous week. Also pictured is Lowell CI Warden

Gustavo Mazorra, who emailed Gerard saying, *"Thanks again to you and the Foundation for helping out during Captain Freaney's time of need."*



On Thursday, April 16, 2015, Florida Representative Gerard Van Der Ham presented an assistance check to Supporting Member Sergeant Thomas Jaje at Hernando CI. Sergeant Jaje's home was deemed unlivable after being severely damaged from a sinkhole, causing the family financial hardship as they moved into a rental home. Pictured left to right: Gerard Van Der Ham, Sgt. Thomas Jaje and Lt. Richard Ballinger.

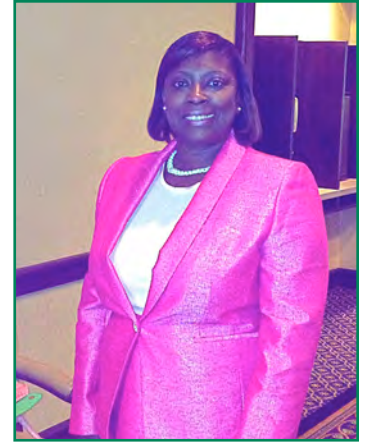
On May 1, Gerard Van Der Ham attended the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Memorial at the Courthouse in Dade City, Florida. Here are two of the photos he took at the event. Thanks, Gerard!



A Message from our new Representative in the State of Alabama

My name is Carolyn Kelley and I am a new Representative for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation in Alabama. I first learned of the CPO Foundation after the terrible line-of-duty death of my husband Rodney Kelley in October 2008. Rodney was a Correctional Officer at Bullock County Correctional Facility and was transporting six job applicants when the van they were in was hit by a logging truck and burst into flames. All seven were tragically killed.

Soon after my husband's passing, Jennifer Donaldson Davis and her daughter Mandy came to Abbeville and met with me and my daughter MaKayla. They explained all about the CPOF and invited us to **Project 2000 XX**, which in 2009 was held in Colorado Springs (see photo below left of Carolyn and her family and escorts at the **Project 2000 XX Memorial Ceremony**). I retired from the Army after 24 years of service, so I had traveled a great deal. MaKayla had not, so she was very excited about her upcoming trip to Colorado.



*Top: Carolyn Kelley
and (above) daughter
MaKayla*



I have been back to every **Project** event since, and when Jennifer recently wanted some time off to be with her family (Jennifer and her husband had just adopted a three-year-old) I gladly accepted the position as Alabama Field Representative.

If you are currently a Supporting Member of this wonderful charity, thank you. However, if this is the first time you are reading about the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, I hope this issue of the *CPO Family* inspires you to learn more and want to become a Supporting Member.

I want to thank my wonderful family and so many others for being so very helpful in my time of need. I especially want to thank Mandy, Jennifer, Bullock County CF Warden III Kenneth Jones and former Associate Commissioner James Deloach. The CPOF says they "Take Care of Their Own." And I am proof that they do.

As Jennifer did after the murder of her husband and Mandy's father, William E. Donaldson, MaKayla and I want to "Pay it Forward." The CPOF is an awesome organization. I look forward to working with the Alabama Correctional Facilities and assisting our Alabama Correctional Families in need. I can be reached at Carolyn.Kelley50@yahoo.com.

"Taking Care of Our Own"

North Carolina



Good morning, Mrs. Matthews,

Here are pictures of the CPOF assistance packages being presented to Captain Daniel Everett and Ms. Faye Daniels. I was very honored and proud to be able to present them and both were very touched by the time and effort that you put forth. Once again, thank you VERY MUCH for your spirit of giving.

Joe J. Solano III

Assistant Superintendent II, Custody and Operations
Pamlico Correctional Institution

Per Laura Matthews:

The above photo is of the check presentation to Captain Daniel Everett, a Supporting Member at Pamlico Correctional Institution. Pictured are CPOF Volunteer C/O Robert Wilcox, Captain Everett and CPOF Volunteer C/O Connie Mackey. Pictured at right are Administrator Faye Daniels, also a Supporting Member, and Assistant Superintendent II Joe Solano.

Administrator Daniels was sole caregiver for her mother, who died October 30, 2014. Ms. Daniels' check was to assist with funeral and related expenses. Captain Everett's son has sickle cell disease. His check also was to assist with medical expenses.



Correctional Administrator I David Mitchell of Lanesboro CI presented an assistance check to C/O Edwin Faulkner. An inmate slashed Edwin's face leaving a laceration that required 45 stitches.



Scott Brewer, Judicial District Manager (Probation/Parole), presented a CPOF check to Office Employee Connie Loy. The check was to help with travel expenses incurred by Mrs. Loy when she was making frequent trips to visit her daughter, who was injured in a fire at her father's house (a 250-mile trip each way).

North Carolina CPOF Representative Ricky Anderson presented an assistance check to Daryll Vann of the Division of Prisons Central Office. Left to right in this photo: Ricky Anderson, Deputy Director Gwen Norville, Mr. Vann and Director George Solomon. Mr. Vann had triple bypass surgery early in 2015.



North Carolina

The following five assistance check presentations were all made to Correctional Staff at Central Prison in Raleigh, NC. Thanks to Warden Carlton Joyner for providing most of the photo descriptions and names of those pictured.



Warden Carlton Joyner, Officer Christopher Williams and Unit Manager Bryan Pulley. On November 7, 2014 Officer Williams was assaulted by an inmate and struck on the head and face multiple times.



Warden Carlton Joyner and Sergeant Robert Albo. On November 10, 2014 a fire at Sergeant Albo's dwelling caused a total loss of the house.



Left: Warden Joyner and Officer James Snow. Officer Snow was assaulted by an inmate on December 7, 2014, resulting in a deep laceration across the top of his head.

Right: Warden Joyner, Officer David Wagoner and Associate Warden Eddie Thomas. Officer Wagoner also was assaulted by an inmate on December 7, 2014 in a separate incident from that of Officer James Snow.



Lower right: Associate Warden Eddie Thomas, Warden Joyner, Officer Irish Fajardo and Deputy Warden Stephen Waddell. Officer Fajardo's house caught fire, destroying several rooms and causing smoke and water damage throughout the house.

COLORADO



To the CPO Foundation:

I would like to thank you on behalf of my family for the generous assistance.

Thank you so much,
George H. Goure, C/O IV, LVCF/SCCF Programs
Correctional Officer IV Goure, a Supporting Member at La Vista Correctional Facility, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in late January 2015. He is pictured here (center) with Warden Laurie Tafoya, who is also a Supporting Member and recommended Officer Goure for assistance, and CPOF Representative in Colorado Guy Edmonds.

Medical Records Technician Kim Dranberg of Delta Correctional Facility fell from the roof of her home while fixing her swamp cooler, breaking both legs. She was off work for several months as a result. Delta CF Warden Steven Green, a Gold Club Supporting Member, recommended MRT Dranberg for assistance, and is pictured here with MRT Dranberg presenting her with the check.



Health Technician I Jennifer Markham, a Supporting Member at Canon Minimum Center, was diagnosed with kidney cancer in mid 2014 and lost several months of work while undergoing treatment. She is pictured at left with Guy Edmonds receiving a CPOF check to assist with out-of-pocket medical expenses.



Left: CSO I Matthew Rusher, a Supporting Member at Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility, was killed in an auto accident on September 22, 2014. Guy presented CSO Rusher's widow Amanda with a bereavement assistance check.

Right: C/O III Ronald Giles, a Supporting Member at Sterling Correctional Facility, received a bereavement assistance check from Guy Edmonds. Officer Giles's wife Cyndie passed away in October 2014.



To: Guy Edmonds, CPO Foundation Representative
 On behalf of the entire Fremont Correctional Facility, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude for your assistance. This year alone three of our staff have experienced tragedy and it is certainly comforting to know that the CPO Foundation is here to help relieve some of the financial burdens which can be crippling.

Mr. Guy Edmonds, thank you for being so caring and involved and always making yourself available. Your personal dedication and commitment make it possible to take care of our staff during these challenging times. Your heartfelt concern is apparent by the way you respond with care and attentiveness. Thank you for continuing to taking the time to visit our facility and answering any questions staff may have. Mr. Edmonds, on behalf of myself, our FCF staff and the Department of Corrections, thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Lou Archuleta, Warden
 Fremont Correctional Facility
 Canon City, CO



Sergeant Deanna Martin, a Supporting Member at Fremont Correctional Facility, is married to Case Manager John Martin who works at Trinidad CF. John was in a serious car accident in February 2014 while driving to work during a snowstorm. He broke his neck and was off work for several months, causing the Martin family considerable hardship. John is pictured here receiving a CPOF assistance check from Trinidad CF Associate Warden and Supporting Member Ed Caley.

Dear Theresa,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation for your condolences and the assistance check.

Not only was Gerard my father but he was also my friend. It was very difficult making an emergency trip to Reno during the Christmas season. The check definitely helped with that expenditure.

Again, please accept my sincerest gratitude. This has been a very hard time for me, to not only accept the fact that my father has passed but also to accept the people, the CPOF, and my facility and co-workers that have stepped up to help. I will always be grateful for the assistance and outpouring of sympathy that I received during this time.

Thank you,

Sergeant Timothy S. Mankel
 Fremont Correctional Facility

Sergeant Mankel's father Gerard, who lived in Reno, Nevada, died on December 7, 2014. Tim was his father's beneficiary and responsible for the funeral. Guy Edmonds, and FCF Warden Lou Archuleta and C/O II Anthony Wendt (both Supporting Members), recommended bereavement/travel assistance for Sgt. Mankel.



Administrative Assistant III Alison Jones, a Supporting Member at Limon Correctional Facility, received a bereavement assistance check from Guy Edmonds after the death of her husband James from cancer. James had battled cancer for some years and succumbed on November 17, 2014.

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COLORADO



Health Provider II David Blakely of Sterling Correctional Facility was walking home from work with his wife Naomi on December 12, 2014 when they were struck by a car. Both sustained head injuries and spent a week in the hospital. HP II Blakely is pictured here (center) with the CPOF assistance check he received following the accident. With him are Mental Health Supervisor Justin Willey (left) and Warden James Falk.

We are very pleased and gratified to share this email that Warden Travis Trani sent to all Colorado State Penitentiary and Centennial Correctional Facility Staff. Warden Trani, Associate Warden Carol Soares and Sergeant Henry Ortiz are Supporting Members of the CPO Foundation.



On February 16, 2015, staff member Neal Lousberg suddenly passed away. He left behind his wife and two children. The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation was able to give Neal's wife a check to help with some of the financial burdens after she lost her husband. Jill Lampela and Nicole Dennis presented the check to Mrs. Lousberg on April 2, 2015.

In February, Bill Wolaver was involved in an offender assault in D-pod at CSP. On April 6, 2015, Warden Trani visited Sgt. Wolaver at home and gave him a check from the CPO Foundation to assist with some of the hardship caused from this incident.

Henry Ortiz was also assaulted in March by an offender in E-pod at CSP. Sgt. Ortiz was presented with a check from the CPO Foundation on April 6, 2015, during swing shift roll call at CSP.

Pictured above from left to right: Guy Edmonds (CPOF), Associate Warden Carol Soares, Sgt. Henry Ortiz, Warden Travis Trani and Associate Warden Sean Foster

Rhode Island



Corrections Officer Jeffrey Golding, a Supporting Member at the Rhode Island DOC Intake Service Center, died from injuries received in a three-car accident on November 27, 2014. He is survived by a brother, two sisters, and their mother, Jean Golding. Mrs. Golding described Jeffrey as being very proud of being a Corrections Officer and a Supporting Member of the CPOF, and sent us this photo of Jeffrey with a little note saying, "I would be honored if you choose to use it."

Corrections Officer Edward Crawley, a Supporting Member at Medium Security Facility, was diagnosed with diverticulitis. He has had four surgeries and may need more. He is pictured here with the assistance check that Manny Leander, the CPO Foundation's Representative in Rhode Island, requested he receive. As with Officer Gary Stefano (see left), we hope Officer Crawley's condition will improve; however, as of late April 2015 he had had another surgery and unfortunately was not doing very well.



Corrections Officer Gary Stefano, a Supporting Member at Maximum Security Facility, was diagnosed with cancer. He had surgery and was off work for some time.

He is pictured here (on the right) with his CPOF assistance check. Also pictured is C/O Shawn Largy. A lovely note from Gary's wife Collette is below:

To All,

I am writing this with many thanks for the generous gift provided to my husband, Gary Stefano. During this challenging time of his cancer treatments we have been blessed by all the kindness and care that others have provided. The prayers have been numerous.

Gary has endured much pain and has suffered more than most know. When simple thoughts of others and financial donations like this are made, it reminds him to hope. He has a very long way to continue his recovery, but we have hope and will see this through.

*Thank you,
Collette Stefano*



Corrections Officer Steven Sequin, another Supporting Member at Medium Security Facility, has a 22-year-old son, Kyle, who was diagnosed with an extremely rare immunologic disorder. It has resulted in multisystem organ failure, and as of February 2015 Kyle's long-term prognosis had not been determined. Kyle's required extensive medical care meant that Officer Sequin had to be off work for some time. Officer Sequin is pictured here (center) with Manny Leander (left) and Richard Ferruccio, President of RIBCO.



***A Word from CPO Foundation
National Honor Guard
Commander Steve Dizmon
Captain, Ret. California DOC***



Greetings:

First, a very special thank you to all the Wardens, Superintendents, Directors and Commissioners, because without your support for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation and the support for your staff the CPOF would not be able to function. Your continued approval for your staff to attend the CPOF **Projects** and Memorial Ceremonies when one of our own is killed in the line of duty is essential. Remember how earlier in your career when your “Boss” demonstrated strong support for you and your comrades, it built pride and morale and made you feel more professional in performing your duties? Supporting your troops will bring you a stronger, united group of people working “the Beat” in your prison and/or department.

For the upcoming **Project 2000 XXVI** Memorial Ceremony, Honor Guard registration and practice day is Thursday, June 18, 2015. Honor Guards will practice that afternoon and attend, in uniform, the reception dinner that night. Come 0600 on Friday morning, June 19, all Honor Guards will get on buses to be transported to the Memorial Ceremony site. Once there, we practice some more -- and those of you who have been to practice before know what it is all about: Your professionalism and dedication to the cause, our “Fallen Officers.”

On Friday the Memorial Ceremony begins with marching in formation. With sharp uniforms and flags billowing in the wind, we will march with pride in our chosen profession and in remembrance of our Fallen Officers. The Memorial Luncheon follows the Ceremony where once again you shine by meeting the surviving families and showing them your love and support.

Without you -- the National Memorial Honor Guard -- **Project** would be only a shadow of itself. Praise our Father above, the CPOF does have you, and because of your dedication and professionalism the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation and the Honor Guard have grown and gained national recognition. With this growth we are all able to assist more Correctional staff and families that suffer the tragic loss of a loved one, or aid them in a catastrophic event.

Remember: You are the ones that make **Project** what it is and you know what it really means when you read or hear the motto, “**Taking Care of Our Own.**”

Thank you for your past attendance. *I look forward to seeing all of you in Jacksonville, Florida for Project 2000 XXVI, June 18 thru 21, 2015 AND next year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for Project XXVII, June 9 thru 12, 2016.*

Steve Dizmon
CPOF National Honor Guard Commander
dizmon@directcon.net

Honor Guard Registration Form for PROJECT 2000 XXVI available NOW on our website: cpof.org

***To be Recognized at the CPO Foundation
Annual National Memorial Ceremony
Friday, June 19, 2015 at PROJECT 2000 XXVI***

Correctional Officer V Christopher Davis ~ EOW: 1/14/15 ~ Texas

Correctional Officer V Eligio Garcia ~ EOW: 1/14/15 ~ Texas

Correctional Officer Danny Luxtrum ~ EOW: 11/25/2014 ~ Nevada

Correctional Officer Da'Jhaun Gaitors ~ EOW: 10/22/2014 ~ Georgia

Transfer Officer Terry Burden ~ EOW: 9/10/2014 ~ Georgia

Correctional Officer Amanda Baker ~ EOW: 2/16/2014 ~ Nebraska

Correctional Officer Calvin Winn ~ EOW: 5/2/2012 ~ California

From The Past

Lieutenant Carol Moore – EOW: 8/19/1996 ~ Connecticut

**Juvenile Detention Officer Robert Heavey ~ EOW: 1/19/1995 ~
New Jersey**

Detail Officer Frank Scott ~ EOW: 9/18/1980 ~ Georgia

Correctional Officer Dan Harrison ~ EOW: 7/23/1978 ~ Georgia

Assistant Director Donald Smith ~ EOW: 3/29/1970 ~ Georgia

Correctional Officer Richard Rogers ~ EOW: 3/29/1970 ~ Georgia

Georgia



Hi Mrs. Williams,

Here are two photos of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation check and Officer Patrick Primas's retired badge being presented to Correctional Officer Patrick Primas's family on March 9, 2015. Officer Patrick Primas, a Supporting Member at Hancock State Prison, passed away in an auto accident on February 8, 2015.

The first photo is of Hancock State Prison staff and the family of deceased Officer Patrick Primas with the retired badge/shadow box. Left to right are Derek Hill, Evonne Foye, Deputy Warden of Security George Ivey, Marilyn Hood, Nancy Trawick, Katherine Wells, Anita Trawick, Pamela Wright, Petronella Primas (mother of Officer Patrick Primas), Glenda McCrary, Sylvia Graham, Eunice Shivers, Kyna Walls and Michael Ransom.

The second photo shows Deputy Warden of Security George Ivey presenting the CPOF check to Petronella Primas.

Thanks,

Vera Harden, AOCII, Hancock State Prison, Sparta, Georgia



Dodge State Prison Warden Sam Zanders presented a bereavement check to Officer Cathy Jones to help with funeral expenses after Officer Jones's sister died in mid January 2015. CPOF Georgia Representative Rose Williams recommended the assistance.

McEver Probation Detention Center Superintendent Clinton Perry presented a CPOF assistance check to Officer Jemal Stephens. Officer Stephens, a Supporting Member, is diabetic and developed an ulcer on his foot. He had to go off work on February 17, 2015 because he cannot walk without a brace or crutch. We wish Officer Stephens well with his treatment program.



Ms. Labio,

I would like to thank you for the donation made to my family and me after the death of my son Josh. The compassion shown to me by all of you is overwhelming.

It is truly a blessing to work with an organization that "takes care of their own."

Cheryl Durrence, Glennville, GA

Ms. Durrence works in Human Resources at Georgia State Prison. Her adult son Josh was killed in an auto accident.

South Carolina

Dear Ms. Labio:

On behalf of the staff at Livesay Correctional Institution, I would like to thank you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for the generous financial assistance to Cadet Melissa Kilpatrick. Cadet Kilpatrick was very appreciative to CPOF for the support and financial assistance. Enclosed is a picture of Cadet Kilpatrick receiving the CPOF packet from Ms. Patty Golightly, Human Resource Manager at Livesay CI.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and "Taking Care of Our Own."

Sincerely,

Robert "Hal" Mauney, Warden, Livesay Correctional Institution

On September 14, 2014 Cadet Kilpatrick, a Supporting Member, was involved in an accident in which she sustained traumatic brain injury. She was in ICU in a coma for some time and out of work for months. We are very happy to see that she is well on the road to recovery.



Dear Ms. Labio,

Enclosed is a picture of the presentation by Warden Larry Cartledge of the generous assistance CPOF provided to Officer Jackie Garton. Officer Garton was very grateful to your organization for assisting him after the loss of his wife. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Earlena (E.J.) Bonenberger

Warden's Administrative Assistant, Perry Correctional Institution
Officer Garton is a Supporting Member at Perry CI. His wife Sandra passed away on January 31, 2015.

Administrative Specialist Holly Lawson, a Supporting Member at Tyger River CI, had serious surgery that caused her to accrue over \$1,500 in out-of-pocket medical costs. HR Manager June Henderson recommended Ms. Lawson for assistance, and here is the thank-you note she sent us:

Thank you for helping me with medical expenses from my surgery. The check I received helped cover some of the costs. It is nice to know that this organization helps its members during their time of need. I appreciate the CPO Foundation for thinking of me during this time.

Holly Lawson, Buffalo, SC

A CORRECTION

On the "Georgia" page (36) in the Autumn 2014 issue of the *CPO Family*, we misidentified one of the recipients of a CPOF assistance check and misstated the reason for her having been assisted. The last item on the page should have read, "Mrs. Terri Jackson received a CPOF bereavement assistance check after her husband, Bibb County DJJ Probation Officer Sidney Lamar Jackson, was killed in a vehicle accident on November 22, 2013. CPOF Georgia Representative Rose Williams presented the check."

We apologize for the error.

Federal News



Dear Ms. Kim Blakley,

I want to thank you for the assistance you sent. It meant the world to me that there is someone out there to help Correction Officers.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Krupa, Greenwood, IN

Matthew is a Senior C/O at FCI Terre Haute in Indiana. Prior to his career in Corrections, Matthew was in the Army from 2002 to 2009. During this time he was diagnosed with cancer in his right leg, leading to amputation of the leg just below the knee. Officer Krupa was fitted with a prosthesis that served him until it weakened years later, after

he had left the army, owing to complications. He had to undergo reconstruction surgery and other treatments to try to repair the problem. This resulted in his losing months of work. We wish Matthew all the best with his recovery and eventual return to work, and thank him for this nice family photo.



CPOF Federal Representative Laura Phillips presented an assistance check to C/O Louis Davis, a Supporting Member at FCI Estill in South Carolina. Officer Davis, pictured here with Laura, was hospitalized for treatment for several very serious medical conditions. He underwent open-heart surgery in mid September 2014.

Senior C/O David Harvey, a Supporting Member formerly of FCI El Reno in Oklahoma, suffered a severe stroke on November 14, 2014 and passed away five days later. This picture was taken in May 2014 at the Harvey's daughter's graduation.



Case Manager Herb Gottshall, a Supporting Member at FCI Loretto in Pennsylvania, had to have surgery in Pittsburgh (80 miles from his home) in December 2014. CPOF provided him with assistance to help cover medically related expenses during his recovery. We thank Officer Gottshall for sending us this great family photo taken at Christmas-time.



Dear Kim Blakley,

My family and I would like to thank you and the CPO Foundation for your generosity and support during our difficult time. ... We have been so blessed to have so much support during our journey. Our boys were in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 97 days, and not one day went by that someone didn't call, text or email us just to check on us. ... Thank you and CPOF for everything you do. Your organization is such an appreciated gift.



Brody and Branson Potter at 11 months of age. Thriving!

God Bless,
Danny, Patsy, Brody and Branson
Potter, McKee, KY

Mr. Potter, a Supporting Member, is a Cook at FCI Manchester in Kentucky. Twin sons Brody and Branson were born prematurely on September 13, 2013 and, as noted, spent over three months in NICU (see newborn photos). We are so pleased to see how well the boys have progressed and how "beautiful and healthy" (Danny's words! -- we agree) they look.

To the CPOF,

Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. I am truly blessed. You "guys & gals" are awesome. Semper Fidelis,

The Vargas Family: Art, Diana, Josh & Kat,
Madera, CA

This note was written on the back of a Merry Christmas/Happy New Year photo card from Art and his family. Art is a Senior C/O at FCI Mendota in California. He was hospitalized on December 31,



2014 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and after undergoing various treatments had a bone marrow transplant in San Francisco on March

27, 2015. His brother Nick was the donor, having been a perfect match. Art's father is CDCR Officer Arturo Vargas, a Supporting Member since 1994 who works at Kern Valley State Prison. He took considerable time off work to care for his son in San Francisco after the transplant procedure.

To the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift to my son Wesley and me. I am in awe of your organization's generosity. I cannot thank you enough – it's rendered me speechless.

We greatly appreciate it.
Teresa and Wesley Adams,
Winter Garden, FL



Teresa and Wesley are the widow and young son of Senior C/O Brian Adams, formerly of FCI Coleman in Florida. Officer Adams was killed in a motorcycle accident in May 2014. We thank Teresa for her heartfelt note and for sending us this family photo taken during the fall of 2013.

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Federal News

The CPO Foundation had occasion in recent months to assist several Corrections Officers and Staff at FCI Jesup in Georgia.

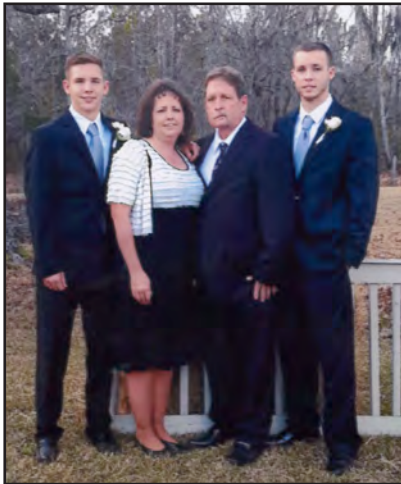


Recreation Specialist Oscar Moore, a Supporting Member, was diagnosed with kidney and bone cancer, requiring regular treatments in Jacksonville, Florida which is 100 miles from home. Specialist Moore is pictured at left with his wife, Diana.

Pictured at right: Laura Phillips and Materials Handler Supervisor Jay Brian Harrell. Supervisor Harrell, a Supporting Member, has a daughter who was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma. Supervisor Harrell received an assistance check to help with the many extra expenses he and his wife



incurred from caring for their daughter during her chemotherapy and radiation treatments.



Officer Jack Madray Jr., medically retired from FCI Jesup, was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer in the early spring of 2014. General Foreman Derek Bland recommended CPOF assistance for Mr. Madray with medically related expenses. The Madray family is pictured at left.

Right: Catastrophic check presentation on Feb. 26, 2015 to Supporting Member Martina Copeland, Accounting Technician at FCI Jesup. Technician Copeland's husband Curtis, also employed at FCI Jesup, was off work for several months owing to severe PTSD and was undergoing lengthy therapy. Additionally, the Copeland's daughter was seeing a specialist and receiving treatment for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis during the same period of time. Pictured from left to right are Pam Millwood, Secretary/Union Steward; Laura Phillips; Martina Copeland; and Alan Thomason, Union VP.



Pictured: Lt. Mark Novak, CSO Sheryl Collins and Medical Technician Lindsay Joyce, all Supporting Members. Lt. Novak has had four surgeries over the past year, from which he has suffered many complications and infections. CSO Collins was out of work for several months due to an



injury and major foot surgery. Med Tech Joyce suffered multiple serious injuries in an accident in 2013 in which her car was struck by a train. Her treatment and recovery have been lengthy, extending throughout 2014, and she has had many out-of-pocket expenses as a result.

Oregon

From Michael Seefeldt, CPOF Eastern Oregon Representative:

It was my privilege to present Correctional Officer James “Jim” Stiles, a Supporting Member at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI) in Pendleton, Oregon, and his wife Cheryl with catastrophic assistance from the CPO Foundation. Cheryl suffered from a non-alcoholic fatty liver that caused stage IV liver disease and had to undergo a transplant. Jim reported at the time that Cheryl was steadily improving following the procedure. Cheryl was a trooper and accompanied Jim for the presentation. In the photo at right: Officer Jim Stiles, Cheryl Stiles and EOCI Superintendent Jeri Taylor.



I had the privilege to assist in facilitating catastrophic and bereavement assistance for Officer Daniel Bennett, a Supporting Member at Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario, Oregon, and his family. Daniel’s wife Angela passed away on September 21, 2014 following her brave battle with cancer. I asked Corporal Vallery Klitch of Snake River CI to plan the bereavement assistance presentation, and he sent this photo with Captain Joe Woodland and Assistant Superintendent Jason Bell presenting Officer Daniel Bennett with CPO Foundation’s check. Corporal Vallery had initially referred Officer Bennett to be considered for assistance. -- *M.S.*

Sixteen-year-old son Jacob Reynolds, son of Officer and Supporting Member Jason Reynolds of Two Rivers CI, seriously injured his leg in a football game. Jacob started at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, was taken by ambulance to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington, and from there to Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland. Jacob had several surgeries and probably will require more.

He is also facing extensive rehabilitation on his leg. On December 9, 2014 I had the privilege of making the assistance presentation to Officer Jason Reynolds and his family today. Jacob is still in a wheelchair and will be going into another surgery this coming week. In the photo: Officer Jason Reynolds, son Brody,



Jacob (in wheelchair) and myself, Michael Seefeldt. -- *M.S.*



Records Specialist II Francisco (“Pancho”) Tavera Jr., a Supporting Member at Oregon State Penitentiary, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in early August 2014. He was off work for five months during which time he underwent chemotherapy. Specialist Tavera is pictured here with the CPOF check he received to assist with extra expenses. Also pictured is Ms. Patrice Lans, OSP Activities/Recreational Specialist and Safety Committee Chair.

We are very sad to report that Specialist Tavera passed away on April 20, 2015.

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Oregon

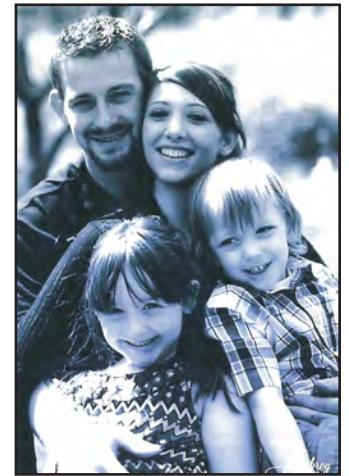


above photo are: Captain Rabb, Officer Michael Seefeldt (CPOF Representative), Officer Henry Becerril and Superintendent Jeri Taylor. We wish Henry a successful recovery. -- *M.S.*

On December 16, 2014 I presented Officer Henry Becerril with a catastrophic assistance check from the CPOF at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI). On September 18, 2014 Henry was involved in a serious four-car accident, resulting in him having to be taken to Oregon Health Sciences University Trauma Center in Portland, Oregon, by air ambulance. Henry suffered serious fractures to his right hand and right leg. He is facing extensive physical rehabilitation and extensive medical leave. Henry was kind enough to meet me at EOCI to allow me to invite EOCI Superintendent Jeri Taylor to the presentation. In the

Dear CPOF,

My family would like to thank you so much for your donation following the passing of my 24-year-old stepson, Timothy Allen Schaeffer. Timothy passed away after a short battle with HLH, a hematologic disorder so rare that doctors are still baffled by it. I have sent this picture of Timothy, his wife Kylee (23), daughter Lillyanna (6) and son Dmitry (4).



I can never thank you enough or find the words that will express our gratitude.

Jonathon (JD) Lewis and family, Nampa, Idaho

Jonathon is a C/O at Snake River CI in Ontario, Oregon.



Pictured at left are Corporal Kenneth Stepp, a Supporting Member at Oregon State Penitentiary, Kenneth's wife Gwen and Dan Weber, CPOF Representative in Western Oregon. At Dan's request, Corporal Stepp received a CPOF check to help with expenses incurred when Gwen had to fly to Norfolk, Virginia to be with her daughter-in-law, Brooklyn, after Brooklyn was injured in a traffic accident while pregnant with triplets. The unborn children did not survive the accident. The Stepps's son, Gareth, is serving in the U.S. Navy and was deployed away from Norfolk at the time of his wife's accident.

C/O Steven Gaudreau, a Supporting Member at Eastern Oregon CI, suffered injuries to his lower back, neck, right hand and foot when he slipped on a patch of ice in early 2014 while walking to the institution from his car. He was off work for over eight months. Officer Gaudreau is pictured here with Michael Seefeldt with a CPOF check to assist with the many out-of-pocket expenses he incurred.



Oregon



C/O Elaine Weaver-Foster, a Supporting Member at Oregon State Penitentiary, was assaulted by an inmate on August 8, 2014. She sustained numerous injuries, including a concussion that required emergency room treatment. Subsequently C/O Weaver-Foster had to make frequent visits to the hospital for ongoing pain and was off work for several months. C/O Weaver-Foster is a member of the Oregon Honor Guard Team that has participated in Project 2000 Memorial Ceremonies for the last three years.

C/O Weaver-Foster told us, “It’s a blessing to be a part of this amazing organization. Thank you for all you do and for your assistance while I continue my recovery.”

C/O Steven Pries of Oregon State Penitentiary received a CPOF assistance check after the sudden death of his 19-year-old son in October 2014. Officer Pries is pictured at right (center) with Jeff Premo, Denis Mattson, Dan Weber and Mike Van Patten.



On February 6, 2015 Michael Seefeldt presented Acting Office Specialist Dona Bevan of TRCI with a catastrophic assistance check from the CPO Foundation. Dona’s and husband Jimmie’s baby son, Jimmie Jr., had to be taken by air ambulance to Doernbecher’s Childrens Hospital at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital with RSV pneumonia. Officer Jimmie Bevan, in the meantime, suffered a significant knee injury. Dona and Jimmie Sr. are both Supporting Members. We hope this assistance will help ease some of their stress and concerns.



C/O Randy Harrison, a strong Supporting Member at OSCI, was in a horrific car accident in which he sustained multiple very serious injuries. Officer Harrison required several surgeries but is maintaining a positive attitude, as evidenced by his smile in this photograph of him (at left) with a CPOF assistance check. We wish him all the best for an eventual complete recovery.

Officer Harrison is Sgt. Mike Van Patten’s brother-in-law.

Note: Officer Harrison was trapped in the car and the rescue crew had to cut off the top of the car in order to remove him. See photo at right.



Nevada



Correctional Officer Danny Luxtrom, a Supporting Member at High Desert State Prison, was bitten on the neck by a brown recluse spider on October 17, 2013 while working the Gatehouse Post. The bite area immediately became red and swollen. Over the course of the next 12+ months Officer Luxtrom suffered a relentless series of infections, surgeries, strokes and other extremely serious complications that eventually, on November 25, 2014, sadly resulted in his death. *Photos below:* The Nevada Honor Guard, and CPOF Representatives and members of the CPOF National Honor Guard at Officer Luxtrom's funeral.



Nevada Honor Guard



CPOF Administrative Assistant Theresa Stevens, CPOF National Honor Guard members Tania Arguello and Roy Hilliard, CPOF Federal Coordinator Kim Blakley and CPOF National Honor Guard member Angela Lujan. *Tania is also a CPOF Nevada Representative.*



WOW!! I just received my check from Ms. Nickey Brooks. My family and I thank the CPOF and all the Board members for making this happen. Thank you for hearing the call for assistance. I can't thank Ms. Brooks enough for being an active member in CPOF and helping out a co-worker when needed.

I'm lost for words -- my emotions don't let me think. All I can say is

thank you, **Thank You** to everyone that was involved.

The Richard Garcia Family, Reno, NV
C/O Garcia is a Supporting Member at Northern Nevada Correctional Center. His wife is undergoing treatments for cancer and has had three surgeries. The Garcias have five children, ranging in age from one to 15.



Correctional Officer Ryan Hesler of High Desert State Prison has suffered from Crohn's disease for some time, and as a result has had to be in and out of the hospital for treatment on a regular basis. He is the sole provider for his wife and five children. He is pictured here (center) receiving a CPOF assistance check from Sergeant Lee Wilkinson and Lieutenant Roy Plumlee.



Easton Mills, young son of Correctional Officer Nathan Mills of High Desert State Prison, had major surgery on November 15, 2014 to treat a condition that causes premature fusion of fibrous sutures in an infant skull.

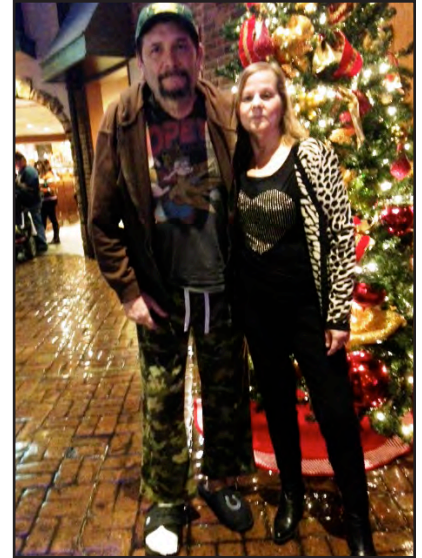
We are happy to report that the surgery went well, and Easton was able to thoroughly enjoy Christmas with his family.



Lieutenant Rick Rose, formerly a Supporting Member at Northern Nevada Correctional Center, retired in November 2012 and was later diagnosed with cancer. CPOF Nevada Representative Nickey Brooks recommended assistance with extra medical expenses for Lt. Rose and his wife Katy, also a Supporting Member, who is pictured here with Nickey receiving the assistance check.

Maintenance Repair Worker II Frank Bonomo of Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center was off work for an extended period of time due to a heart condition and spent many months in the hospital. He had six heart surgeries and finally had to take a medical retirement in August 2014.

At the recommendation of Lieutenant Keith McKeehan the CPO Foundation provided assistance to Frank and his wife Denise, both pictured here, to help with various medically related expenses.



Dear Ms. Stevens and the CPOF Board of Directors,

On January 15, 2015 my wife Peggy lost her hard-fought battle with cancer. She was very touched by the funds that were sent to us during our time of need. Peggy was one that always tried to help anyone else that was in need, whether it was money, someone to listen to their problems or just give a hug.



This picture of Peggy and me was taken just days before her passing. I have also enclosed a donation check so that the Foundation can "pay it forward" to another who is in need.

God bless all of you.

Mark Drain and family, Ely, NV

Mr. Drain is a Case Worker and Supporting Member at Ely State Prison. We thank him very much for his lovely letter and donation to the CAP.

Pennsylvania



Wendy,

This picture is of me giving Kevin Grace his assistance check. Thank you and the CPOF for helping Kevin in his time of need.

Jamie Ardrey, SCI-Smithfield

Correctional Officer I Kevin Grace was hospitalized for intestinal surgery. Jamie Ardrey is the CPO Foundation's volunteer contact at SCI Smithfield.



Unit Manager Brian Pineda of SCI Laurel Highlands lost his battle with lyposarcoma cancer on November 21, 2014. Food Service Supervisor Ken Myers, who originally recommended Unit Manager Pineda for assistance when he was first diagnosed, is pictured here accepting the CPOF's bereavement assistance check on behalf of Unit Manager Pineda's widow Denise. Also pictured is Captain L. R. Taylor.



Correctional Officer Ray Walker of SCI Waymart was diagnosed with cancer on June 25, 2014. He underwent chemotherapy and was off work for several months. C/O Colt Stewart, a Supporting Member and CPOF's liaison at Waymart, recommended Officer Walker for assistance. C/O Stewart is pictured here presenting Officer Walker with his CPOF check in September 2014.

We are very sad to report that, after Officer Walker had returned to work for a short time and seemed to be doing well, he died suddenly on February 11, 2015.



Maintenance Worker Barry Brown, a Supporting Member at Lancaster County Jail, suffered a massive heart attack and stroke on December 6, 2014. He lost weeks of work due to his lengthy hospitalization and although he was eventually discharged from the hospital and able to go home, it was determined that he could not return to his position at the jail. He took a medical retirement on January 30, 2015.

The CPO Foundation provided Mr. Brown with a check to help with some of the many expenses he incurred while hospitalized and off work. He is pictured here with his Supervisor, Jay Lenhart, and his wife Cindy.

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Oklahoma

Dear Ms. Stevens,

I want to personally thank you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for your generous donations to James Crabtree Correctional Center Officers that were involved in the vehicle accident. ...

It is always good to see organizations coming together to help a fellow Officer/Employee when circumstances prevail out of our control. The Officers were extremely grateful to receive the money and have expressed to me their sincere appreciation. On behalf of the Officers, I am writing this letter of gratitude and thanks.

Sincerely, Janet Dowling, Warden,
James Crabtree Correctional Center

Sergeant Traver Deweese, Officer Travis Oder and Cadet Wilby Bueno, all employed at James Crabtree Correctional Center, were on their way to work in two different cars at 5 am on December 8, 2014 when first one car, then the next, hit some cattle that had strayed onto the road. Eight cows were killed, both cars were totaled and all three Officers were injured to varying degrees. At the request of Administrative Assistant Debbie Moore, a Supporting Member, and Correctional Training Specialist Andrea Jordan, also a Supporting Member, each of the injured Officers received an assistance check from the CPO Foundation.

Pictured above left to right: Chief of Security R. Denton, Sgt. Deweese, Officer Oder, Cadet Bueno (in the cast) and Warden Janet Dowling.



To the CPOF,

Thank you for your generous financial gift to help ease our burden during this time. Your heartwarming generosity is appreciated far beyond what words can express. I know B.J. would be humbled and grateful for the kindness shown to his family.

Thanks again.

Cherice and Kelcie Rayford, Walters, OK

CSO III Bret ("B.J.") Rayford of Walters Community Work Center died from a cardiac arrest on October 14, 2014. At the recommendation of CPOF Oklahoma Representative Ann Tandy, and Supporting Members Debbie Moore and District Supervisor Jeff Woody, the CPOF provided a bereavement assistance check to CSO Rayford's widow Cherice.

Pictured left to right: Supervisor Woody, Cherice and Kelcie.

Sergeant James Holt (center in this photo), a Supporting Member at John Lilley Correctional Center, received a bereavement assistance check after the death of his wife Benita in mid December 2014. Benita had been very ill for several months, suffering from severe and ongoing complications following a



below-the-knee leg amputation in June 2014.

Warden's Secretary Pam Collins, a Supporting Member, recommended Sgt. Holt for his first assistance in July 2014 and it was she who notified the CPOF of Benita's passing.

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Pennsylvania



Hi Wendy,

Above is a photo of the CPOF check presentation to Deb Kawtoski, our inpatient Mental Health Unit (MHU) Director. Deb experienced the tragic loss of her daughter recently and the check was very helpful for the family.

I am good friends with her and her family and they are generous and warm people that deserve a break. Prior to her daughter's death from a brain tumor, her husband hurt his shoulder and was unable to work. He is self-employed so this has dramatically changed the family's finances. They are also animal lovers and Deb recently found out that two of her older dogs have cancer and have only months to live. My point is that she needed some good news for once and this was it. She has also assumed guardianship of her two grandchildren that were her daughter's children.

Thank you for helping the Kawtoski family in this difficult time. In the photo left to right: Deputy Superintendent Mark Garman, Deb Kawtoski and Deputy Superintendent Eric Tice.

Once again I appreciate the generous gift you have given to my friend.

William Ted Williams,
Corrections Health Care Administrator
Department of Corrections, SCI Rockview, PA

Dear Theresa,
My family and I were overcome with emotion and gratitude to receive the most generous financial gift from the CPO Foundation. The funds came at a crucial time, as they helped with funeral expenses. Losing my daughter Stephanie has been the most difficult thing I have ever had to endure. My sadness is indescribable. I am very blessed that Stephanie left me her two beautiful children, Aiden (9) and Madison (16). Stephanie will live on through them. God bless you for your assistance and compassion to those in need. Words cannot express our thankfulness. Gratefully yours,
Deb Kawtoski and Family, Schallsburg, PA

Oklahoma



CSO III Stefan Brown of Mack Alford Correctional Center and his family suffered a tragic loss when CSO Brown's 23-year-old son Eric was accidentally killed by gunshot at the family home on December 12, 2014. CSO Brown is pictured above on the right receiving a CPOF bereavement assistance check. Also pictured are Mack Alford CC Chief of Security Lewis Layton and Warden Jerry Chriman.

PPO IV Brad Brogden and his family lost their home to a fire on December 23, 2014. Ann Tandy and District Supervisor Anthony Rowell, a Supporting Member, recommended PPO Brogden for financial assistance. In thanks for that assistance Supervisor Rowell sent Theresa Stevens this very nice letter:

Dear Ms. Stevens,

I would like to personally thank you for the financial support provided to our employee Brad Brogden of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. His family was devastated by a house fire two days before Christmas 2014. Fortunately, no one was injured but the home and most of the contents were a total loss. The support provided to Mr. Brogden was greatly appreciated and I consider it an honor to be a member of such a great organization.

Sincerely,
Anthony Rowell, District Supervisor



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Scott Semple
Commissioner

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

February 13, 2015

Ms. Theresa Stevens
Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator
Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc.
1346 North Market Boulevard
Sacramento, California 95834

Dear Ms. Stevens:

I am writing to thank you for your heartfelt condolences on the loss of my son, Matthew Joseph, and for your very generous gift. As you have expressed, it has been an incredibly difficult time for me and my wife. The fact that our son was so young and with so much promise and potential has made it that much more difficult for us. It is the outpouring of support of many individuals and organizations such as yours that has helped sustain us.

Although the gift from your foundation is very generous, I am unable to accept it. My wife and I would be pleased, however, if a contribution were made in our son's name to either his school, The Gunnery (99 Green Hill Road, Washington, CT 06793), or to the Oncology/Hematology Center of Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation (203 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106).

Again, I thank you for your thoughtfulness, concern and prayers.

Sincerely,

Scott Semple
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Arizona



Detention Officer David Fujimagari of Maricopa County Jail lost everything in a house fire. He is pictured here (center) receiving an assistance check. With him are Liz Shaffer-Smith and Richard Loud.

Detention Officer Nancy Garcia of Graham County Jail, a single mother of two, was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis that caused her great pain and affected her ability to do her job. At the request of Commander Tim Graver, Officer Garcia received an assistance check to help with medically-related expenses.



I would like to take this this opportunity to personally thank the CPO Foundation, Officer Andrew Krugen, Lieutenant Reynolds and Captain Harmen. It has been difficult to deal with everything since our four-month-old daughter Yasmeen was diagnosed with neuroblastoma (a nerve cancer) in October 2014. Yet we have been blessed with a tremendous amount of support. This experience has taught many things, but most importantly it has taught us that we are not alone in this fight. So many friends, coworkers and people of our community have come together and provided much needed and appreciated support. Words cannot express how we feel.

Again, we thank you so much for everything.

Sergeant Hani Hafez, Towers County Jail

Baby Yasmeen had to have several surgeries and chemotherapy, and Sgt. Hafez missed several weeks of work dividing time between his wife and himself staying with Yasmeen in the hospital. Hani and his wife Angela also have a two-year-old son, Yusef (see family photo).



Ms. Zoya Fishman, an Applications Developer in the Arizona DOC Central Office, had a house fire that caused considerable damage. She received a CPOF assistance check and is pictured here with Liz Shaffer-Smith.

Detention Officer Larry Stone of the Pinal County Sheriff's Jail was assaulted by an inmate using a blade that had been removed from the head of a disposable razor. Deputy Chief Jim Kimble, pictured here (left) with Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu (right) and Officer Stone, recommended an assistance check for Officer Stone. Officer Stone will be invited to **Project 2000 XXVI** in Jacksonville, Florida to be recognized and to participate in the Assault Survivors' group.



Sergeant Fernando Figueroa of Cochise County Jail is pictured here with Arizona CPOF Representative Liz Shaffer-Smith. Sergeant Figueroa received an assistance check to help with extra expenses incurred while he was off work for several weeks after spinal surgery.



Liz Shaffer-Smith presented a CPOF check to C/O II Forrest Cluff of ASPC Safford. Officer Cluff has colon cancer that has metastasized. He will require lengthy treatment with chemotherapy and weekly visits to his doctor for evaluation. Liz said, "What a genuinely nice guy. He had no idea who we were or that the application for assistance had been submitted on his behalf. This truly was a joy to present."

ASPC Deputy Warden R. Hill and Liz requested the assistance for Officer Cluff.



Hi, Theresa Stevens,

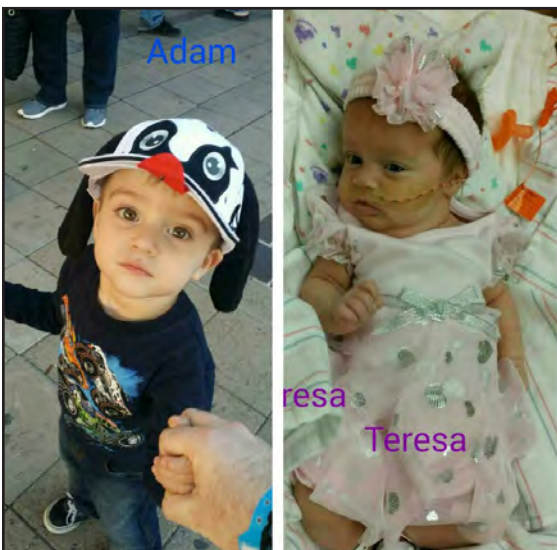
We want to thank you so-o-o much for your help. The help and generosity from the CPO Foundation really mean a lot to my wife and me. It's been a very hard and difficult time to go through the NICU with our second child.

Without your help we would really be lost. The check will really help us with our bills and buying food.

Update on baby Teresa: She is working on feeding but still having some bad days with her breathing. With a lot of prayers and support she will get thought it. I'm looking at it one day at a time.

Again, my family and I are really thankful.

Francisco Miller, Detention Officer, 4th Avenue Jail, Surprise, AZ *Teresa was born prematurely at 32 weeks with breathing and heart problems. The Millers' first child Adam was also born prematurely with complications, but now at age two is "running, walking and talking." We wish Teresa all the best in the improvement of her health, and hope that, in time, her "success story" will be as good as her big brother's.*



Illinois

The CPOF Foundation provided assistance in recent months to seven Corrections professionals in Illinois, five of them at Illinois Youth Center (IYC) - Harrisburg. We are very pleased that we are becoming increasingly active and better known in the Prairie State!



The CPOF assisted Juvenile Justice Specialist Jeffery “Todd” Shaffer, a Supporting Member at Illinois Youth Center-Harrisburg, after his mother was killed in a car accident in August 2014. Pictured at left: Business Administrator Bryan Questelle (CPOF contact at IYC-Harrisburg), Specialist Todd Shaffer, IYC-Harrisburg Superintendent William Peyton and Union President Paul



Fisher. Tragically, Specialist Shaffer was himself killed in a car accident one month later and we assisted his wife, Gina, with funeral expenses. Pictured above right: Superintendent Peyton; Jeffery’s wife, Gina; Bryan Questelle; and Union President Fisher.



Juvenile Justice Specialist Daniel Davis, another Supporting Member at IYC-Harrisburg, received assistance from the CPOF after his wife, Michele, and daughter, Sarai, were in an auto accident while visiting St. Louis, Missouri. Sarai suffered bruises and a concussion while Michele suffered several bone fractures and injuries to internal organs. Pictured left to right: Union VP Shawn Street, Business Administrator Bryan Questelle, Specialist Daniel Davis and Superintendent William Peyton.

Juvenile Justice Specialist Mike Winters and his family sustained major losses in a house fire. IYC-Harrisburg Business Administrator Bryan Questelle recommended Specialist Winters for assistance, and is pictured here with Specialist Winters, Superintendent William Peyton and Local 779 Union Representative Gabe Walker.



Correctional Officer Joseph France (left), a Supporting Member at Illinois River CC, received a CPOF assistance check after his family lost everything in a house fire. IRCC Warden Greg Gossett presented the check.

Substance Abuse Assessor Stephanie Cima was off work for eight weeks after she broke both major bones of her lower leg and required emergency surgery. A rod was inserted in the leg for stability. Pictured: IYC-Harrisburg Program Director Brittany Baugher, who recommended Assessor Cima for assistance from the CPOF, and Assessor Cima.



To Codi and the CPO Foundation,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the assistance provided to my family and me. On August 6, 2014 my 12-year-old son, Matthew, underwent full spinal fusion surgery for acute scoliosis due to Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Matthew would spend the next 58 days in St. Louis Children's Hospital, fighting for his life as a result of post surgical complications. The check from the CPOF helped ease financial obligations, allowing my wife, Martha, and I to remain by Matthew's side throughout this most difficult time.

Codi, your phone call following up on Matthew's recovery was unexpected and quite pleasant. Also, Matthew and his sister, Amanda, were very appreciative of the Christmas gifts, as were Martha and I.

I am proud to be a Supporting Member of the CPOF and honored to be part of the network of friends and colleagues who care for and support one another through demanding times.

Sincerely,

John Smock, Juvenile Justice Specialist
Illinois Youth Center-Harrisburg



Matthew with his sister Amanda



Executive Supervisor II Angela Caudill, a Supporting Member at East Moline CC, recommended assistance for Ms. Theresa Severtsgaard who works in the Warden's office. Theresa's husband John is critically ill from kidney disease. Pictured left to right: East Moline CC Warden Mark Williams, Theresa Severtsgaard and Angela Caudill.

Wisconsin

by Evelyn Schultz

My husband Robert and I lost our daughter Constance Schultz on December 30, 1998. She was a Correctional Officer at Ellsworth Correctional Center and died of a heart attack on the job.

We were invited to **Project 2000 X** in 1999 in Washington, D.C., where the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) honored Constance. Robert and I were so impressed that we have been back to every **Project 2000** Memorial since, assisting new bereaved families however we can. We also work very hard in Wisconsin sharing information about CPOF.

This past April we were invited to Waupun Correctional Institution for their annual Health Fair. Waupun CI is Wisconsin's oldest prison and, if I

do say so, is very historic as well. We set up at 8:00 am and were told to expect 150 attendees. Many promised to sign up to be new Supporting Members and send their applications in. We reminded many that they also could go on line CPOF.ORG and sign up as well.

In closing, please also consider supporting CPOF through the Wisconsin State Employee Combined Campaign (WSECC). The campaign usually takes place during late September, October through November. We are listed in the WSECC booklet as Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. Help me help ALL Wisconsin Correctional Professionals needing a "Hand up."

Thank you!

A Year without Dad

by Camie Corby Gould

March 18, 2015

This is my story, a story that is incredibly difficult for me to put into words. Do you know how it is when you have a feeling in your gut? I was drawn to spend more time with my Dad, Larry Corby, toward the end of 2013. On Veterans Day, 2013, I drove our boys over to my parents' house and asked Dad to tell them about his experiences in Vietnam. They watched several shows about Pearl Harbor and other history programs while I prepared Dad's favorite meal, fried chicken with "burny" mashed potatoes and corn. It wasn't until that evening that he shared his Vietnam stories. In hindsight, I wish I had recorded him on video.



RIP, Larry Corby. First anniversary family visit to Larry's grave.

By Christmas I felt that Dad was more than just "sick." Typically Dad "came alive" at Christmastime, but that year he didn't even come down for dinner. I knew something was wrong. Mom and I had taken him to his doctor's appointment on December 31, 2013. I pushed for an MRI that day and by 6:30 pm I received a call from radiology. Mistaking me as Dad's doctor, the radiologist read me the results. I didn't understand all of the terminology but I knew it was bad news. Dad, Mom, my brother Jarrod and I spent New Year's Day 2014 in ER and Dad was admitted that evening. After a week in the hospital and a brain biopsy, Dad was diagnosed with Glioblastoma brain cancer. Immediately Dad commanded me to get him out of the hospital and said, "Don't dilly-dally! I want to be home with my stuff."

I was relieved when my Dad opted out of radiation and chemo. The cancer was in several areas of his brain and had crossed both hemispheres. I tried to hire a part-time caretaker to help take care of Dad, but Dad yelled, "Bull---! If we need to hire someone, we'll hire you!" Dad was always one to speak his mind. He talked to me more in those last two months than he had in the last two years. I continually thanked him for things he had done for us and for others. I expressed how much our kids loved the fort that he had built for them with his own hands. He was concerned about unfinished projects and wanted

the house to look nice for Mom. I reminded him what an incredible job he had done remodeling their kitchen, telling him, "It's so beautiful, Dad." He ordered me to have their house professionally painted and the carpet replaced. I hired professionals to paint the house and suggested, "We'll wait on the carpet. You are our main priority right now, Dad." My being a homeschooling Mom allowed the boys and me to spend a good deal of time during those last months with Dad, with Grandpa. We studied the chapter about the nervous system to help us better understand the progression of his cancer. The tumors in his occipital lobes stole his eyesight quickly. His ability to speak what was on his mind became more difficult and then he could

no longer write. The cancer was like crabgrass weaving through his brain. It was agonizing to witness and difficult to leave him each night. I was blessed with God's Grace to help me drive home safely each night as I tried not to cry.

Jarrod called me early on March 17, 2014 and said I needed to come over as soon as possible. I had never helped anyone die before but with the guidance of Hospice I administered meds to make Dad comfortable as he eased into a coma. That night my Uncle Mark led us in a prayer of Absolution. We shared our thoughts and told Dad how much we loved him. We believed there were Hands reaching toward him and we gave him permission to go. Just a few hours later, as I lay on the couch nearby, I woke up when I thought he had stopped breathing. I looked up and Mom was standing at the top of the stairs. It was midnight and he had passed. I do believe we both felt his spirit leave the house. The world kept turning, even when I wished it would slow down. It seemed impossible for me to function after Dad died.

I'll never forget walking through the ranks of our CPOF Honor Guard at Dad's funeral. After all of my years attending **Project 2000** Memorial Ceremonies I could never have envisioned or expected it. Dad's service was full of Honor, Love and Gratitude. I learned

of countless accomplishments my Dad had made. When Mr. James Gomez, a former Director of the California Department of Corrections, spoke, he said that during Dad's many years working in the Division of Planning and Construction he was instrumental in the construction of 22 prisons, and inside *none* of those 22 prisons had a line-of-duty death occurred. I gasped at that information and wished I had known that while Dad was alive. Mr. Gomez's words meant that Dad's input and recommendations had resulted in prisons built to the highest possible standards to ensure the safety of the Correctional Officers and Staff working inside those prison walls.

Dad did so many things right. He wasn't a boastful man, he didn't brag, but he made extraordinary things happen. He served our country with pride.

At the end of Dad's funeral, each member of our CPOF Honor Guard lined up single file, placed a Challenge Coin on his chest and saluted him. I walked up to Dad one last time and put my hand on his chest that was covered with a shield of coins, a huge Semper Fi coin on top. I whispered to my Father, "You sure did perfect the art of a funeral, Dad."

I found solace in listening as Don Novey shared stories of the beginning years of the California Correctional Peace Officer's Association (CCPOA). I remember the goal and success of their title "guard" being promoted to "Correctional Officer." This was all about respect. When my Dad had something to say, he said it -- or wrote it. My Grandmother (my Mom's Mom) bought a huge mimeograph machine to print my Dad's views and concerns about Corrections in *The Granite*. This was his first publication (for the CCPOA) and the printing took place out back in Dad's workshop. I remember watching the huge ink rollers pressing out *The Granite*. As kids my brother and I would collate the papers, which involved walking around our dining room table, probably hundreds of times. There was an extra long stapler. *The Granite* required two staples in the middle of the 8x14" paper and a fold. Dad wanted to get his message out for the better of all Correctional Officers and he did it the right way. Hard work, long hours, pencil to paper, a typewriter, face-to-face, stepping on toes, talking to Governors, all while walking the "Toughest Beat in the State."

The CPOF started with C/O's that wanted to make a difference. The five founding C/O's became the first Board of Directors of The Correctional Peace Officer's Foundation in 1984 and a small office space was rented

for Mom to work. Their goal became a reality -- to *be there* in a time of need -- not just "passing the hat" for the widow, but to provide for all of the Fallen Family. Mom volunteered during shift changes at the prisons, asking for memberships.

As I said, when Dad had something to say, he said it or wrote it, first in *The Granite* and later in *The Peacekeeper*. In 1989 the CPO Foundation's *CPO Family* began publication. Wherever he wrote it, Dad took responsibility for what he wrote or said. Nowadays many people resort to social media to slander and "cyberbully" others without ownership or accountability of their words. Cowards. That's what Dad called such people.

Throughout the last three decades I recall being thanked by many for sharing my parents and the time they devoted to CPOF. To be honest, I didn't have a choice. There were times I resented my parents being gone so much, sometimes missing a family celebration, especially after my husband Chris and I had children of our own. There are always tragedies, memorials, **Project**, funerals, conferences and catastrophic situations. It never stops. The world just keeps turning but I didn't fully understand the whole picture until Dad's funeral. His life: it's the "dash" between October 1, 1944 -March 18, 2014.

Iwish I could thank each of you personally, but for fear of leaving YOUR name out I want to tell all of you from the bottom of my heart, thank you for being there in our time of need. I wasn't able to thank each of you or talk to everyone who attended Dad's funeral. I feel blessed that we were given the chance to tell Dad, "Thank you, I love you" and remind him of the many great deeds he did for so many. I know too many of you who weren't given that chance with your loved ones. Thank you for all of your prayers, phone calls, flowers, cards, texts, hugs and especially the outpouring of love and loyalty to my Mom. CPOF is my parents' passion and love, but without all of you it wouldn't exist. Mr. Novey, thank you for sharing so many stories with me that I wish I could have known before Dad passed, but nevertheless, it comforts me. It helps me understand the sacrifice of his time for the betterment of our Correctional Officers and their families and our Country. My sincerest gratitude also goes to our CPOF Staff and Representatives for holding down the fort. To Chairman Glenn Mueller and all of our CPOF Board of Directors, and to Commander Steve Dizmon and the National Honor Guard, thank you for honoring my Dad. The creation of CPOF and the National Honor Guard was his dream come true, his purpose in life and his legacy.

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

Idaho



Correctional Officer Jeremy Shay of South Idaho Correctional Institution, a Supporting Member, received a CPOF bereavement assistance check after his wife Debora passed away in September 2014. Officer Shay is on the left in this photo with Sergeant Joel Eilers, CPOF liaison in Idaho, who referred Officer Shay for the assistance.



Food Service Supervisor LaWanda Thomason is a Supporting Member at North Idaho Correctional Institution. Her husband Greg was diagnosed with lung cancer in late June of 2014 and, sadly, passed away about seven weeks later. The CPO Foundation assisted FSS Thomason with extra expenses while she spent time in Spokane, Washington where Greg was being treated, and also provided a bereavement assistance check. FSS Thomason is pictured here with her family.

Montana



Collection Technician Edie Shreves, who works for the Montana DOC, lost her home in a house fire in October 2014. She is pictured here (center) holding her assistance check together with Lisa Hunter, CPOF Representative in Montana, and Lisa Grady, Collection Unit Manager, Business Management Services. Edie sent us this note:

To the CPO Foundation,

On behalf of myself, my son and his wife, we would like to say thank you for your support. ... The money helped ease the burden of [paying for] the most pressing items, and the timing was just about perfect. It came at the time when it was looking the darkest.

Thank you again for all you have done for my family and just for being there. This is something I would not wish my worst enemy to have to go through. A house fire is one of the worst things I have ever had to face. And knowing that people and organizations are there to help is a Godsend.

Edie Shreves, Helena, MT

Montana DOC Juvenile Parole Officer Michelle Verbrance passed away from cancer on August 30, 2014 at the age of 51. We received this nice note from her brother Randy Farris:

Dear CPOF,

Thank you for remembering my sister, Michelle Verbrance, who died of lung cancer last August. Michelle was a Probation and Parole Officer in Missoula, Montana.

The Corrections Officers in her office and the CPOF family have been tremendous, kind and helpful. Thank you for your support and

remembrance of our beloved sister, mother, friend and family member.

*Sincerely,
Randy Farris*

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

New Mexico

Bernalillo County Correctional Officer Kyle Schneider was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in April 2013. He underwent six rounds of chemotherapy and had a stem cell transplant. After nine months in remission the cancer returned, requiring Officer Schneider to undergo more chemotherapy and another stem cell transplant. Officer Schneider is pictured here with his CPOF assistance check.



Ohio *From Kevin Tackett:*



Here is the Tackett family. We appreciate all that CPOF has done, not only for the generous help with my medical bills, but also with the words of encouragement and concern. We will persevere through this trying time and come out for the better with the help of kind people such as you.

Thanks again,

The Tacketts, Marion, OH

Correctional Officer Kevin Tackett works at Marion Correctional Institution. On August 8, 2013 he was assaulted by an inmate while trying to break up a fight. Officer Tackett suffered injuries to his left knee and L4-L5 vertebrae. As of late September 2014 he still had not been able to return to work.

Tennessee



Above left: Kevin Adkins (left), Probation and Parole Manager at the Tennessee DOC's Probation and Paroles Chattanooga office, received a CPOF assistance check from Tennessee DOC Commissioner Derrick Schofield after the Adkins family of six lost everything in a house fire. The presentation took place at Tennessee's National Guard Armory in Nashville. The photo above right shows PPM Adkins and Commissioner Schofield with the many TDOC executive and administrative staff members who attended the check presentation.

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Letters and Photos from States "All Over"



John Demumbran, a Food Steward II at Turney Center Industrial Complex in Only, TN, and his family suffered a very sad loss when John's six-year-old son, Tristan, was swept away in flood waters after heavy rainfalls had saturated Hickman County in early June 2014. Tristan's body was found about three-quarters of a mile from where the accident occurred. Associate Warden of Administration Jeff Hughes recommended assistance for the Demumbran family. Pictured left to right: Warden Debra Johnson, Food Steward II John Demumbran and Assistant Warden of Administration Hughes.

Virginia

From Ray Wagoner: Here is a picture of my meeting with Middle River Regional Jail Staff. It was a great meeting and got the door open for us to other jails in Virginia. Pictured from left to right: Ray Wagoner, C/O Carl Belgrave, Christine Goodman (retired Corr. CDA/LPN), Major Lori Nicholson, Nancy Bryant and Cpt. Mark Shiflett. My sincere thanks to each and every one of these people for all the hard work in making our visit great at Middle River Regional Jail.



Washington



From Michael Seefeldt: It was my privilege to meet Officer Bradley Speer of Franklin County Jail in Washington on August 15, 2014 and present him with a catastrophic assistance check from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation following his house fire. Bradley suffered smoke inhalation and lost virtually everything in this house fire, but luckily no one else was injured.

After the presentation, I took Officer Speer on a brief tour of Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI) in Umatilla, Oregon, my home facility. Bradley met me at TRCI as I was preparing to visit the Idaho Department of Corrections for a CPOF membership drive.

It was a pleasure meeting Bradley.

Michael Seefeldt, Two Rivers Correctional Institution, OR

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

West Virginia

C/O III Robert Monroe, a Supporting Member at Salem Correctional Center, died suddenly on October 27, 2014. As seen in this photo, Ray Wagoner presented Robert's widow Lacey with a bereavement assistance check. Also pictured are Payroll Assistant Norma Scaturro, the CPOF's contact at Salem CC, and Warden David W. Jones.



Wyoming



From Sharon Crerar:

Here (left) is a picture of me with Christine Thayer, Executive Assistant at Wyoming Women's Center, and Utah CPOF Representative Carol Manning at a shift change presentation that we did at WWC. Christine has been a Supporting Member for **21 years** and spoke very highly of us to the Correctional Officers who stopped by to see us.



The other picture is of Officers Richard Jackman and Eric Jones who work at Wyoming State Penitentiary. Officer Jones is a Supporting Member. I just happened to take it on the spur of the moment – both are nice guys who made us feel very welcome when we visited WSP last time.

YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS: DO WE HAVE IT??

Was this magazine forwarded to you? Or, even though you're a Supporting Member, does the copy you're reading belong to a friend because you didn't get your own in the mail? If you answered *yes* to either question, it means we don't have your current and correct address! **PLEASE** email Theresa Stevens -- theresa@cpof.org -- at the CPOF's Sacramento headquarters and give her your current address.

If you are planning to move and know what your new address will be, likewise email Theresa with the new information. This applies even if all you're doing is moving to a new unit in your apartment building.

THANK YOU for keeping us up to date on your current whereabouts, so that *we* can keep *you* up to date with the *CPO Family* and other CPO Foundation mailings.

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Meet the CPO Foundation Castastrophic Assistance Coordinators



It's always nice to put a face with a name. With that said, in the photo above are the Catastrophic Assistance Coordinators for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. From left to right: Stephanie Barone, Codi Loder, Kim Blakley, Theresa Stevens and Christina Labio.

Our Catastrophic Assistance Coordinators among them take care of all 50 States and many Counties nationwide. Kim Blakley is the Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Each lady has her email address listed on our website: cpof.org. To submit someone for catastrophic assistance and if you know which Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator handles your particular State or County, contact her via email. If you do not know, call our Sacramento Headquarters at 1.800.800.2763.

If you have any questions, please contact me: Char@cpof.org.

-- Thanks, Charleene Corby