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**ON FEBRUARY 4, 2011** in Rosendale, New York the temperature was a “mere” 6 degrees -- a numbing cold that added to the sting of losing one of our own. On that day a service was held for Officer Casimiro “Maxi” Pomales of Eastern New York Correctional Facility. Maxi was killed in an automobile accident while transporting an inmate to a medical appointment. Over 400 uniformed staff from around the State braved that cold morning to pay their respects and say good-bye. After the *continued on page 5*

# In Memory of Corrections Officer Gary Chapin

*EOW: November 15, 2010*

*by Wendy Baur, CPO Foundation Pennsylvania Representative*

I received a call last October from CPOF Volunteer Dana Arington at SCI Albion. She had little information initially other than that a horrible assault had taken place in Crawford County. Little did I know when I received “that call” that it would be a true “life-changer.” I made the journey to Crawford County and contacted Warden Tim Lewis to find out the details about the assault and to offer our support. Unfortunately, the assault ultimately would turn out to be a line-of-duty death.

For me, what was a life-changing call turned into a “life-changing meeting.” The senseless assault/murder of County Corrections Officer Chapin is a grave reminder of the violent offenders you as Corrections Officers are surrounded by every day.

Corrections Officer Gary Chapin was working his shift at the Crawford County prison when an inmate became combative, apparently over receiving an unsharpened pencil. Many of the public wonder, “How do Correctional Officers get injured, let alone killed in the line of duty?” Sadly, the answer is “All too easily” -- this assault was over an *unsharpened pencil!*

The inmate attacked Officer Chapin by punching him in the face and “pile-driving” him headfirst onto the floor. Due to the severe nature of his injuries Officer Chapin was life flighted to Erie, Pennsylvania. Upon arriving at the hospital I met Officer Chapin’s wife Janis and immediately offered CPOF’s and my personal assistance to her and their family. Weeks passed as Officer Chapin remained in the hospital in a coma. I was there almost every day and many nights as well. Janis stayed by Officer Chapin’s bedside until he succumbed to his injuries and passed away on November 15, 2010.

I saw first hand what can happen when we all come together as a “Correctional Family” -- together with the support of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and especially Acting Secretary Shirley Moore-Smeal who, I might add, returned my call at 8 pm of the same day I called her with the information about the passing of Officer Chapin. She offered whatever assistance we needed. The very next day I saw, again first hand, what “we” as a Correctional Family can do for one of our own when Secretary Moore-Smeal sent out a statewide email granting permission for Honor Guards to attend Officer Chapin’s service.

All along I have known the “nutshell” mission statement of the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation is to “Take Care of Our Own” and to be there for the families when there is a loss of a loved one behind “the walls.” The heart of this organization became apparent when I made my first phone call to my boss, Charleene. There were daily updates of Officer Chapin’s condition and suitcases packed, ready for some to make the journey to the East Coast on a moment’s notice. Officer Chapin passed away on November 15 and the very next day I was met by CPOF National Board Member, Larry Corby, and the CPOF National Honor Guard Commander, Steve Dizmon. The day after that, November 17, Lieutenant Joe Ober of SCI Pittsburgh and also on the CPOF National Honor Guard team, along with ALL of the CPOF National Honor Guard team, joined the Commander, Larry Corby and me in Crawford County. Then tears came to my



*SCI Greene Honor Guard at Officer Gary Chapin’s funeral.*

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**Colonel Gregory Guy Malloy  
Holmes Correctional Institution  
Florida Department of Corrections  
EOW: February 2, 2011**



*by Terrasa Wood, CPO Foundation Florida Representative*

Colonel Gregory Guy Malloy was called to duty for the last time on February 2, 2011. Colonel Malloy was one of the Elite K-9 Officers with the Florida Department of Corrections. On February 2, 2011, Colonel Malloy and fellow K-9 Officer Andrew Teal were assisting two Holmes County Deputies in tracking a man suspected of killing his parents when the suspect opened fire on Colonel Malloy, shooting him six times. Colonel Malloy was given medical assistance by deputies and K-9 team members, then air lifted to Fort Walton Medical Center where, tragically, he was pronounced dead.



Visitation for Colonel Malloy was held at Walton Senior High School Auditorium on Saturday, February 5, 2011. With heavy hearts, thousands packed the auditorium. The lines going into the high school auditorium were wrapped around the building and throughout the halls of the school. For many, the wait was as long as two hours before they were able to pay their respects to Colonel Malloy and visit with the family. The



outpouring of love and support from family and friends was truly amazing.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 6, 2011. Once again, it was standing room only as thousands of people from across the country filled Walton Senior High School Auditorium to pay their respects to the 44-year-old Colonel. Among those who spoke at the service were Florida Governor Rick Scott, Secretary Walter McNeil of the Florida Department of Corrections and Walton County Sheriff Michael Adkinson.

Colonel Gregory Malloy started his career at Okaloosa in 1988. He soon promoted up the ranks, making friends and establishing professional relationships with many across the state. Colonel Malloy is survived by his wife, Donna Sue Malloy, their 13-year-old daughter Payton Sue Malloy and many other family members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them in this time of sorrow.



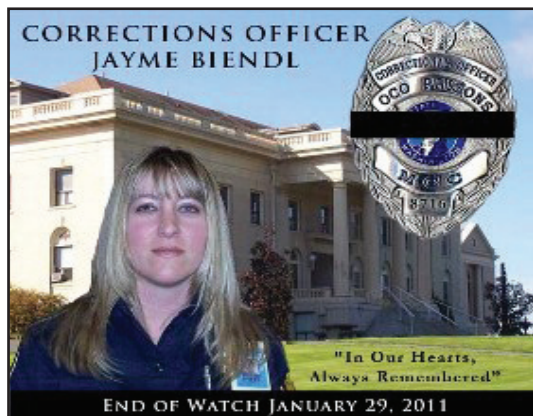
Colonel Malloy had a pure heart and was dedicated to his family, friends and profession. He will truly be missed by those who knew him across the nation and his memory will forever live on in all of our hearts.

*Photos above left and right: Law enforcement vehicles proceed to Colonel Malloy's funeral. Left: Marion C.I. Assistant Warden Jim Freeman (also a CPOF Volunteer), Bradford County Jail Captain Carol Starling, CPOF Florida Rep. Terrasa Wood, CPOF Florida Rep. John Williams and CPOF So. Carolina Rep. Judy Dease.*

# In Memory of Officer Jayme Biendl

EOW: January 29, 2011

by DeeDee Wernet, CPO Foundation Washington Representative



My name is DeeDee and I retired from the Washington State DOC in January 2007 as a Correctional Lieutenant at the Washington Corrections Center for Women. As a Supporting Member of the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation for many years, I knew how they assisted Washington Correctional Staff. The CPO Foundation's Catastrophic Assistance Program is awesome. Once retired, I knew I still wanted to give more to our profession. Thus I became MORE involved with CPOF and at this point have visited all the Washington DOC institutions and many of our Field Offices, sharing

our Catastrophic Assistance Program.

Nothing, however, prepared me for the murder of C/O Jayme Biendl on January 29, 2011.

What a very sad day that was for the Washington DOC. While working in the Reformatory Chapel at the Monroe Complex, Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl was brutally murdered by an offender. Jayme was highly respected by her peers, administrators and even inmates. She had been recognized as the Officer of the Year at the Reformatory as well as other achievements.

As soon as the murder took place I became totally involved with Jayme's family, assisting them and the Washington DOC however the CPO Foundation and I could at that early stage. After all, to *be there* at once for the family of a murdered Correctional Officer is exactly why the CPO Foundation was created in the first place.

Also, I was immediately on the phone with Charleene Corby, asking for more "How can we help?" information." I also called on my good friend Virginia Byassee, who herself is retired from Washington DOC. Together we embarked on a task that we knew would make a "forever" impression.

*You all remember that in October of 2008 we lost four Lakewood Police Officers who were murdered in the line of duty in a coffee shop. I soon learned after the shooting that Police Officer Tina Griswold was the sister of Lieutenant Tom DeLong of the Clallam Bay Corrections Center, proving again it is truly a small, small world. The CPOF stepped in to assist with Lt. DeLong's family in any way we could.*

*Planning and preparing a line-of-duty death Memorial Service is something the Washington DOC had not had to do in a very long time -- approximately 30 years -- so, again, EVERYONE willing to help was greatly appreciated.*



A memorial table in Jayme's honor was set up at the base of the prison road. It stayed busy as Staff and community members stopped to pay their respects, many of them adding flowers and mementos to the table.

For the service for C/O Biendl, a motorcade consisting of escort motorcycles, the family and support vehicles traveled from Marysville through Monroe, where numerous people were gathered near the prison, and then on to the Comcast Center in Everett where the roads were lined with Staff, Law Enforcement and Firefighters ready to pay their respects. Corrections Staff from several states and Canada were among the thousands in attendance.

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service a single line was formed on Route 32 as far as the eye could see. An order of “Present Arms” was given as the hearse bearing our fallen brother rode past. An impressive salute to Officer Pomales on his final journey. Maxi will never be forgotten.

New York State Department of Correctional Services Commissioner Brian Fischer and his staff should be commended for their help and support, especially in these trying times. We thank the New York State Police, Sheriffs Departments of Ulster, Dutchess and Nassau Counties and the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

Finally, I would like to give special thanks to Officer Joe Martinez and Officer Linda Kelly for all of their assistance.

***Dave Wedzina, CPO Foundation Representative in New York and member of the CPOF National Honor Guard.***



*Photo at left: Sergeant (Ret.) Dave Wedzina (on the left) presents a CPO Foundation assistance check to Ms. Victoria Bangert, longtime companion of Officer Casimiro “Maxi” Pomales. On the right is EAP Coordinator Joe Martinez, who is also Dave’s contact at Eastern facility; in back are CPOF National Honor Guard members Lieutenant Joe Ober and Correctional Officer Larry Bottner.*

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It touched my heart to see so many Honor Guards all gathered together (Corrections, Law Enforcement and Fire Departments). I was asked many times who the “Honor Guard with the yellow gloves” was, and I was extremely proud to say that they were the CPO Foundation National Honor Guard (photo at right). In addition to our Honor Guard it was great to see so many out-of-state CPOF members there as well, truly emphasizing that we do “take care of our own.”

I would like to personally thank Char, Kim Blakley



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in San Antonio, Texas June 9-12, 2011!



*Next Year: PROJECT 2000 XXIII  
Washington, D.C.  
Thursday, June 7 - Sunday, June 10, 2012  
Annual National Memorial Ceremony: Friday, June 8, 2012*

## Remembering Ohio Officer Dennis S. Stemen



We're happy to share our latest photo (left) of the family of Correctional Officer Dennis S. Stemen (right) of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Officer Stemen was killed on July 5, 1994 in a vehicle accident while transporting an inmate for medical treatment. He was just 31 at the time of his



death. We are very pleased that we have stayed in close touch with Patti Stemen, his widow, for over 15 years, i.e., ever since Officer Stemen was honored at **Project 2000 VI** in 1995. From the many photos that Patti has regularly sent to us over the years, we have been delighted to watch the four Stemen "kids" – Jonah, Jordan, Bethany and Elizabeth -- grow up and, in Elizabeth's case, get married to Josh who is second from the right in the family picture. Thank you, Patti!

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### *from Sarah Haynes, CPO Foundation Ohio Representative:*

Hello.

This is Sarah Haynes. Sadly, I become aware of the CPO Foundation through the tragic murder of my daughter Bonita Haynes (photo below). Bonita was a Case Manager at Lima Correctional Institution and died in the line of duty on August 6, 1996.

Bonita was murdered after the death of Correctional Officer Dennis S. Stemen, so it was through the *CPO Family* magazine that I first got to know the Stemens. The beautiful photo at the top of this page of the Stemen family is so inspiring. It is wonderful how, despite of and through a tragedy, a young family can grow and stay strong.



In April of 1997 we lost Officer Kara Sue Fador of Pickaway Correctional Institution. This was very tragic as she was only 23 at the time of her death. I know Charleene keeps in touch with the Fador family, inviting them to conventions when held in Ohio and letting them know we will ALWAYS remember Kara.

After the death of Bonita I soon learned of the murder of C/O Robert Vallandingham who, again, was killed before Bonita was. Officer Vallandingham was

murdered during the days-long riot at Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in April 1993. I often see Robert's widow Peggy in May during Corrections Week. She, like me, carries a heavy burden. Peggy Vallandingham and Patti Stemen lost husbands, while the Fadors and I lost a child. No loss is easy and I want to help those in Ohio however I can. I can be reached at [shaynes@qn.net](mailto:shaynes@qn.net) or by calling 614.404.9579.

Ohio Corrections has had several line-of-duty deaths in its history. One relatively recent death was that of Deputy James Salvino, Jr. of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department in February 2001. Then, just a couple of years ago, Juvenile Correctional Officer William Hesson died on April 29, 2009 while working at Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility. C/O Hesson was honored at **Project 2000 XXI** in Buffalo, New York. His widow Julia, with the Hessons' two very young children (one born after Officer Hesson was murdered and the other a toddler), drove the distance from Ohio to Buffalo to attend **Project 2000 XXI** at our invitation. The Salvino family joined us for **Project** in Buffalo as well.

We of the CPO Foundation feel that keeping in touch over the years with as many of our Fallen Family members as possible is extremely important. We are very blessed that we have been able to do this in so many cases.

***We are Family!***



## Remembering Kansas Officer Cory Allen Ricks



To the CPOF  
 "Family" – Thank you for the  
 Christmas gifts for Jacob,  
 Mara and Sylvia Ricks.  
 – Amy Ricks, Turpin, KS

*Amy is the widow of Correctional  
 Officer Cory Allen Ricks (left) of  
 the Seward County Sheriff's Office  
 in Kansas. On January 13, 2006  
 Officer Ricks was killed in an ac-  
 cident while transporting a juvenile*

*prisoner in a department vehicle. We thank Amy very much for sending us these recent  
 photos of the Ricks children. We are very gratified that we have stayed in regular touch  
 with Amy, and she with us, ever since we honored Officer Ricks at **Project 2000 XVIII** in  
 Philadelphia, PA in 2007.*



### *from Debbie Herklotz, CPO Foundation Texas Representative:*

I know it seems a little odd to have me, the Texas Representative for the CPO Foundation for 16 years, write something about Kansas, but here is the story:

Correctional Officer Cory Ricks worked at the Seward County Sheriff's Office in Kansas. However, he lived in Turpin, Oklahoma which is close to the Texas border, and his parents live in Texas, showing once again that "it's a small world." When C/O Ricks was killed in a vehicle accident transporting a juvenile I was asked to meet the family. As always, I was honored. Becoming a young widow myself at the time of my husband Stephen's death (he also died in a vehicle accident, in 1994), I looked forward to meeting Amy and offering any assistance that the CPO Foundation and I could give.

As you can see by the photos above, C/O Ricks left three young children. The Ricks family was in Phila-

delphia in 2007 for **Project 2000 XVIII** and I hope to see them in San Antonio in June so I can personally see how the children have grown and visit with Amy as well.

We as Representatives for the CPO Foundation often travel to other states to assist those in a time of need. Texas is a huge state to cover, but now that we have two more Texas Representatives, Cathy Stokes and Joe Ponder, to help take care of catastrophic needs in the Lone Star State, my husband Marshall, who is retired from TDCJ (Texas Department of Criminal Justice), and I can and do travel wherever the CPOF Board of Directors and Char ask us to.

I love CPOF and LOVE helping to "Take Care of Our Own."

### State of Kansas Department of Corrections Line-Of-Duty Deaths

**Correctional Officer William H. Owens**  
 EOW: 10/5/1905  
**Parole Officer David W. Burns**  
 EOW: 12/15/23  
**Guard Lee White**  
 EOW: 7/26/28  
**Correctional Officer Henry N. Kanaga**  
 EOW: 6/20/54  
**Parole Officer Paul J. Weber**  
 EOW: 10/19/76  
**Correctional Officer Donald B. Martin**  
 EOW: 8/19/78

**Corrections/Employee Burch D. Slote**  
 EOW: 7/6/80  
**Correctional Officer Robert D. Hurd**  
 EOW: 10/11/81  
**Court Security Officer Gene Goldsberry**  
 EOW: 8/5/93  
**Deputy Jailer Irvin Powell**  
 EOW: 3/19/95  
**Correctional Officer Cory Allen Ricks**  
 EOW: 1/13/2006

## Remembering Utah Officer Stephen Anderson



Kim & CPO Foundation –

I received my last check and wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the funds I have received over the past two years. It's more than I could ever imagine. What a wonderful organization!! I've also enjoyed your notes of encouragement and concern.

My family and I are doing so much better. It's been three years now since Stephen died. Time seems to help heal the pain. There was one hearing in March this year [2010]. The pris-

oner's trial probably won't happen until 2011, but we're doing OK.

I have three more grandchildren this year: Haley, Trevor and Jacob. Now I have 10 granddaughters and 11 grandsons. I am truly blessed!

Thanks again for everything!

Love from Mildred Anderson and Family,  
Riverton, UT

*We thank Mildred very much for her upbeat letter. She is the widow of Transportation Officer Stephen Anderson of Utah State Prison who was shot and killed on June 25, 2007 when an inmate in his custody attempted to escape. Officer Anderson's large surviving family includes five adult children: Shawn, Sherrie, Lisa, Melanie and Michelle, as well as the above-mentioned 21 grandchildren.*

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### *from Carol Manning, CPO Foundation Utah Representative:*

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at **Project 2000 XVIII** in June 2007, Ann House; Ann's two daughters, Christie and Janneke; and I were quietly visiting right after the completion of yet another CPO Foundation National Memorial Ceremony. Suddenly on the news came the announcement of the murder of Utah Transportation Officer Stephen Anderson. The four of us sat in utter shock. JUST ending one Memorial Ceremony, and we knew that as soon as we returned home to Utah the next day we would start the process of contacting and arranging to meet a new Correctional widow to help her and, as we soon found out, her five children plan a memorial service for their slain husband and father. I can honestly look back at this time and say, "Wow, what an undertaking that was!"

A number of the CPO Foundation attendees at **Project 2000 XVIII** in Philadelphia arrived home on Tuesday, June 26, only to head back out on Wednesday to Utah to say farewell to this new Fallen Officer. Among them was Commander Steve Dizmon of California, who now commands the 16-member CPOF National Honor Guard team. I only wish we had had this spectacular team in June 2007 to be at Officer Stephen Anderson's funeral. As it was, many Corrections professionals from all over the country came to Salt Lake City to honor Officer Anderson.

As you can see by the above note from Mildred

Anderson she is doing all right. I know that over the almost four years since Stephen's death there have been many sad moments, but as you read Millie's note she has three more grandchildren now for a total of 21 to give her a lot of joy!

Keep in mind that ALL in Corrections can become a Supporting Member of the *only national* charity for those in the Corrections profession. If this is the first time you are reading about the CPO Foundation, welcome. To be a Supporting Member in Utah by the automatic payroll deduction method, you simply need to be a member of the Utah Prison Employees Credit Union. The other convenient way to support the CPO Foundation is through bank draft donation. Visit the CPO Foundation website at [cpof.org](http://cpof.org) to find out how.

Please, if you know of anyone at your facility needing catastrophic assistance I can be reached at [carolmanning47@hotmail.com](mailto:carolmanning47@hotmail.com). Or please call me at 807.725.2827 and I will be glad to help you. You can also email Shanna in the CPO Foundation main office in Sacramento at [Shanna@cpof.org](mailto:Shanna@cpof.org).

*Ann House is the widow of Utah DOC K-9 Unit Correctional Lt. Fred House, who was killed in the line of duty (as was his K-9 partner) on Jan. 28, 1988. Ann was the CPOF Utah Representative for many years. Daughters Christie and Janneke also were very active in the "Kids' Room" at **Project** for years. We are extremely grateful to "the House ladies" for all they have done to help the Foundation grow and fulfill its mission and goals.*

## Remembering Colorado Sergeant Terry DeVore and Officer John Schwartz

Thank you so much for the love and support!  
– Jennifer DeVore,  
Olney Springs, CO.

*Jennifer is the widow of Sergeant Terry DeVore of Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility in Colorado. Sergeant DeVore was killed on April 15, 2008 while fighting the Ordway, Colorado wildfire. He and his co-worker, Officer Schwartz, who also perished in the fire, were still on duty at the time of their deaths. They also both were Olney Spring Fire*



*Department Volunteers. Jennifer sent us this great Christmas 2010 picture of the five DeVore kids: Preston (1, a “new addition to the family”), Ryan (12), Breann (11), Jeremiah (7) and Katy (8). (The gentleman in the middle needs no introduction.)*

*Sergeant DeVore and Officer Schwartz were honored at Project 2000 XX in Colorado Springs in 2009.*

## Remembering South Carolina Deputy Sheriff Allen Myers



Happy New Year. Thank you so much for remembering A.J. With much love  
– Shelia and Allen J. (“A.J.”) Myers, Saluda, SC

*Shelia is the widow of Deputy Sheriff Allen Myers of the Edgefield County Sheriffs Office in South Carolina. Deputy Myers was killed in September 2000 in a vehicular accident while he was transporting a juvenile to a youth detention facility in another county. Deputy Myers’ cruiser was hit head-on by a drunk driver, and he died at the scene.*

*Here is a picture of Allen Sr. and Sheila Myers’ son, A.J., now 11 years old. We are delighted that Sheila and the CPO Foundation have stayed in touch over the years, and hope that we’ll continue to have the pleasure of watching A.J. grow up “before our eyes.”*

## Remembering New York State Sergeant John Hart

Dear Kim,

**I don’t know where to start thanking you. You have been so kind to me and my family. I don’t know how you found out about John but I am so glad you did. John was a fine man and a wonderful husband and father. He really deserved the recognition. Being surrounded by all the C/O’s [at Project 2000 XXI in Buffalo] was wonderful. I am also so pleased to have had Lisa as an escort. Yours is a wonderful Foundation that does more than they know for “their own.”**

**Thank you again for everything.**

**Kathleen Hart and Family, NY**

*Kathleen is the widow of Sergeant John Hart of Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility in New York. Sergeant Hart*

*suffered a fatal heart attack on September 9, 2002 while supervising prison work crews that were assisting in fighting a forest fire. We were not notified of his death at the time it occurred, so it was through Kim’s research and the assistance of our New York Volunteers that we learned about it in early 2010. Sergeant Hart therefore was honored at Project 2000 XXI in Buffalo, New York in June 2010. We are very pleased that Kathleen and her family were able to attend as our guests*



## Remembering Los Angeles County Firefighters Arnaldo Quinones and Tedmund D. Hall



Kim and the CPO Foundation,

Thank you for the continual notes of encouragement and accepting us into your Foundation Family. Your generosity and kindness have made a difference in our lives. Thanks again! The Lord bless you.

**Loressa and Sophia Quinones, Palmdale, CA**

Loressa is the widow and Sophia is the daughter of Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo (“Arnie”) Quinones (above left) of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Specialist Quinones died in the line of duty while fighting a fierce forest fire that broke out in L.A. County in August 2009. He and his partner, Fire Captain Tedmund D. Hall, who also perished, were searching for an escape route for three California Corrections workers, other fire personnel and 55 inmates who were inside a conservation camp dining hall as the fire raged up the adjacent hills. We thank Lorna so much for these photos, especially the two at right of Sophia with her Christmas 2010 gifts from the CPO Foundation.



Specialist Quinones never knew or saw his daughter, as she was born one month after he died.

## Remembering California-Based Federal Officer Gary Rowe



Here are two Christmas photos we received from the adult son and daughter of Correctional Officer Gary Rowe, formerly of the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center in San Diego, CA. In February of 1983 while trying to intervene in an escape attempt, Officer Rowe was assaulted and beaten by a group of inmates. He died from massive head injuries. As his death occurred prior to the time when the CPO Foundation began recognizing fallen Correctional Officers at our annual Project 2000 Memorial Ceremonies (the first Project was in 1990), and because sometimes our research into line-of-duty deaths in the past takes some time to verify, we did not have the honor of recognizing Officer Rowe until **Project 2000 XVI** in 2005.

This took place in Portland, Oregon, and we were very gratified that Officer Rowe’s son Gary Rowe, Jr., his wife Ashley, and Officer Rowe’s daughter, Lisa Rowe-Schroeder, were able to attend. The above photo “set” is of Gary Rowe, Jr., Ashley and their three children: Trevor; Carson and Emilyynn (Colts fans all!). The picture at right is of Braden Schroeder, Lisa’s son and Officer Rowe’s grandson.



# Idaho

Right: Pictured are Warden Lynn Guyer of North Idaho Correctional Institution; Kevin Carpenter, a Teacher at NICI; and Sergeant Mary Strang. Mr. Carpenter's wife Kim was in a very serious auto accident on October 20, 2010 in which she suffered severe injuries, organ damage and many broken bones. She passed away in the hospital five days after the accident. Sergeant Strang recommended Mr. Carpenter for assistance from the CPO Foundation. There are six children in the Carpenter family.



Here is the thank-you letter Shanna Bredeson received from Mr. Carpenter:

**Dear Shanna,**

*I greatly appreciate the gift given through the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation by the [Supporting Member] Officers and Staff of North Idaho Correctional Institution. In a time of uncertainty for my family and me it was comforting to experience the concern, care and support of co-workers. Because the CPOF has been established, colleagues' thoughtfulness was put into immediate action. Although my children and I don't understand fully the untimely passing of my wife, Kimberly, we continue to seek God's way, relying upon His promises.*

*Kevin Carpenter, Nezperce, ID*

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## from Joe Vega, CPO Foundation Volunteer

My name is Joe Vega and, like many, I volunteer for the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation.

I retired after 30 years with the California Department of Corrections. When Char first asked me to go to Idaho in May 2010 and address the Correctional Staff there I was more than happy to do so.

At that time I spent over two weeks in Idaho sharing information all about the CPO Foundation. Many had heard of the Foundation (and some were Supporting Members) but for a lot of others this was their first introduction to the CPOF. While I was in Idaho I learned of several catastrophic situations, and the highlight -- "the icing on the cake" -- of this trip for me was my being able to make assistance check presentations within just a few days of hearing about and verifying the cases. I would like to thank very much the Wardens that I worked with then and who allowed me access to their prisons. (I realize that some by now might have promoted and/or retired.) In any case, I would like to give special thanks to Warden Johanna Smith of Idaho State Correctional Institution, Acting Warden at the time Jeff Zmuda of Idaho Maximum Security Institution, Warden Terema Carlin of Idaho Orofino Correctional Institution, Warden Lynn Guyer of North Idaho Correctional Institution, Acting Warden at the time Jim Woolf of Pocatello Women's Correctional Institution,

Warden Randy Blades of South Idaho Correctional Institution, Warden Kapri Zmuda of South Boise Women's Correctional Center and Warden Steve Little from the St. Anthony Work Camp. Thanks also to Volunteers like myself Lt. Pam Swearingen, C/O Daniel Sams, Corporal Dan Cole, Sgt. Joel Eilers and of course Sgt. Mary Strang who is pictured in the above photo assisting in the CPOF check presentation to Kevin Carpenter.

The positive compliments and comments I received while in Idaho and afterwards via email were so much appreciated. Zaine Baird, Management Assistant, was very helpful in introducing me to Director Sharon Harrigfield of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Although time did not allow me to share CPOF with the Juvenile Department last May, it is my plan to incorporate them in my next visit this summer of 2011. I am sure this visit will probably be about three weeks long, as I want to MAKE SURE each district receives my full attention.

In closing, what the CPO Foundation does, takes "teamwork." Having uniform Staff with me at each shift change (and, yes, I do ALL shift changes) is very helpful. My email address is below. Thanks to all who were on "my team" and assisted me while I was in Idaho last year, and I look forward to your assistance again on my return visit.

Joe Vega: [cpofjoe@earthlink.net](mailto:cpofjoe@earthlink.net)

## **OFFICER CHAPIN** continued from page 2

eyes when Correctional Officers and Law Enforcement Officers from not only Pennsylvania, but from Rhode Island, California, Mississippi, Texas, Oregon, Nevada, Washington State, the Chicago PD, our neighbors in the Philadelphia Prison System, New York State and City Corrections; Federal Correctional Officers and MORE from all over the United States were there to say goodbye and give final respects to one of our own. The motto “We are Family” was truly in existence at this Memorial Service.

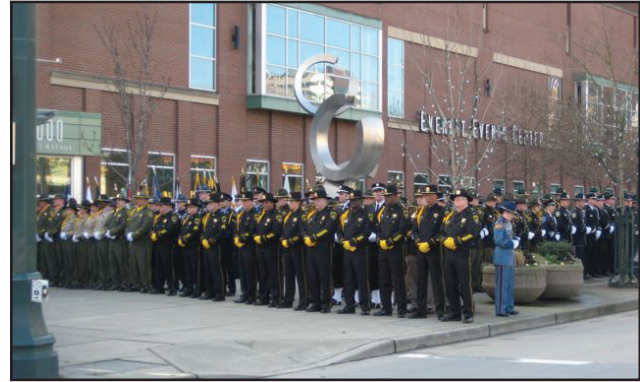
Again I have to mention that the response of the Pennsylvania DOC was overwhelming (and appreciated) and the support that was shown to the Crawford County Prison and the Chapin Family CANNOT be put into words. The Conneaut Lake Fire Department provided and hung the American flag over the main route to the service. And, with SCI Albion being the closest of our state prisons to Crawford County, after the passing of Officer Chapin and Acting Secretary Shirley Moore-Smeal approving the use of their Honor Guard, Captain Randy Irwin contacted me to see what assistance they could be for the Chapin family. Captain Irwin made time available to attend the logistical meetings and practice with his rifle team for the 21-gun volley, all in just a couple of days. SCI Albion came through with the true meaning of *taking care of our own*. Many thank-you’s go to Superintendent Harlow and Captain Irwin for their time and stepping up to the plate on behalf of Correctional Staff across the nation. Also warm thank-you’s go to Lieutenant Minor from SCI Pine Grove for helping the troops’ formation at the funeral home, to the Pennsylvania State Police who assisted with their department bringing the “riderless horse” to the funeral, to the Vernon Township Police and Conneaut Lake Police Departments for their participation, and especially to the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department and Sheriff Hoke.

The impact of Crawford County Corrections’ loss is beyond belief! I hope the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation has assisted them with their grieving process. I know there are many more departments and agencies I need to thank, like ALL the Fire Departments – so again, our thanks and appreciation for honoring one of our own.

Not least, the Chapin family expressed their great appreciation for all the Honor Guards and Officers who attended Officer Gary Chapin’s funeral.

Officer Chapin left behind not only his wife Janis but also two children: Ben, a senior in high school and an amazing basketball player; and Mary Sarah, a college student studying to be in the medical field.

## **OFFICER BIENDL** continued from page 5



and Virginia Byassee in addition to all those who helped to make this memorial for Jayme as beautiful and special as it was.

Special thanks to Commander Steve Dizmon and his National Honor Guard. I have had many, many positive comments from Correctional Staff and I am sure I will have more once I visit each and ALL Washington Prisons. Losing a Correctional Professional like Jayme is not easy for us and of course it was a terrible, terrible loss to the Biendl family. As we continue to be there for C/O Jayme Biendl’s family, please keep her and all of them in your prayers.



Corrections Officer Gary Chapin will be honored in San Antonio, Texas at the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation **Project 2000 XXII** on Friday, June 10 this year (more information on this annual event is online at [cpof.org](http://cpof.org)). I highly encourage you, your co-workers, family, friends, Pennsylvania DOC Correctional Staff and especially Corrections Officers from the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department to attend – in numbers – and show again that “We are Family” and that as Correctional Personnel “We Take Care and Remember Our Own.”

# HAWAII

*from Roger Sherman, CPO Foundation Hawaii Representative*

Hello! I am a Sergeant at Oahu Community Correctional Center. I have been a Supporting Member of the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation for many years through the method of authorized bank draft withdrawal. HOWEVER, I am HAPPY to announce that now at long last we can contribute to the CPO Foundation through the *Aloha United Way Donor Choice Program*. To all Corrections Personnel in Hawaii, I encourage you to go online at [www.auw.org](http://www.auw.org) to learn about the Aloha United Way Donor Choice Program and how, after downloading the site's Optional Donor Choice Form, you will be able to designate the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc. as your charity of choice. I'll have more information about how the Aloha United



Way Donor Choice Program works soon. Meanwhile, please remember: The minimum contribution for CPO Foundation Supporting Membership is only \$5.00 a month. And becoming a Supporting Member will give you the good feeling of knowing that you are assisting our Correctional brothers and sisters here on the Islands.

The CPO Foundation has assisted many of our Staff here in Hawaii, including 18 at OCCC, my home institution. One recent case was that of Correctional Sergeant Villamor Espiritu Jr. and his family. Sgt. Espiritu suffered a stroke on April 10, 2010 and was in a coma until, I am very sad to report, he passed away on May 18, 2010. I recommended assistance for Sgt. Espiritu's widow, Greta, and the two very young Espiritu children, Amanda and Villamor III. Greta was so grateful for the help, and provided us with this very nice family photo (below left) that was taken two weeks after the birth of Villamor III.

That was a pretty recent situation. Now, to show just how long the CPO Foundation has been helping Hawaii Correctional Staff, in *the early 1990s* the Foundation gave much-needed support and assistance to a young ACO III at OCCC named Charles Owens. ACO Owens and his wife had a little boy, Aaron, who had a very serious heart condition. He required specialized surgery that, as the Owens couple learned, could be performed only at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland -- about 6,000 miles from home. Well, the surgery took place, and successfully, thanks to the CPO Foundation's assisting with the transportation costs for the Owens family's long, long journey. Aaron Owens today is a very healthy young man. Incidentally, Aaron is the grandson of Carl Aaron, former CPO Foundation Hawaii Representative who retired as a Lieutenant from Hawaii Corrections.

How to report a catastrophic situation? Simply email Shanna Bredeson on the mainland at [Shanna@cpof.org](mailto:Shanna@cpof.org). When submitting a fellow Corrections Officer or Staff member for assistance, the CPOF will need some docu-

mentation so please have handy as much information about the situation as you can. If not, Shanna will email or fax you a form to fill out with the necessary information. I myself can be reached at 808.225.9965 or at [sergeantsherman@hotmail.com](mailto:sergeantsherman@hotmail.com).

Again, I have been waiting and hoping to achieve the goal of donating through the Aloha United Way Donor Choice Program for Hawaii Corrections Personnel for a very long time. I look forward to our institutions here on the Hawaiian Islands collectively becoming the strong contingent of Supporting Members that I know we can be!

**Aloha!**

*Rainbow Falls, Island of Hawaii photo courtesy of Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Kirk Lee Aeder.*



# NEW YORK

*From Mr. William M. Powers, Superintendent of Albion Correctional Facility, Albion, New York:  
"Enclosed please find a copy of an article that was sent in to the New York State Department of Correctional Services newsletter, **DOCS Today**.  
"Thanks very much [to the CPO Foundation] for reaching out to Mike and his family."*

## ALBION CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, FRIENDS, THE COMMUNITY, STRANGERS AND THE CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS FOUNDATION INC. REACH OUT TO MEGHAN REDENBACH AND "MAN UP"

For Mike, Nancy, Nick and Meghan Redenbach the journey began over two years ago with Meghan having quite a bad stomach ache. Usually a stomach ache complaint coming from a 13-year-old teenager could mean many, many things. A test was coming up, girlfriends having a fight, problems with a boyfriend or maybe just not wanting to go to school. In Meghan Redenbach's case, that was not what was going on.

At 13 years old, Meghan Redenbach was diagnosed with an extremely rare form of ovarian cancer. In fact, Meghan was only the second adolescent in the country to be diagnosed with this type of ovarian cancer.

Mike Redenbach is a Correction Officer at the Albion Correctional Facility, Nancy Redenbach is employed by the Williamsville Central School District, Nick Redenbach is a college student attending Niagara University and Meghan was attending high school in the Roy-Hart Central School District.

Something happened to scores of individuals once everyone learned about Meghan's disease. There was a feeling that Meghan was everybody's daughter, friend, neighbor and sister. Meghan Redenbach was virtually adopted by everyone at the Albion Correctional Facility, the Williamsville School District, the Roy-Hart School District, the Niagara University Men's Hockey Team, the East Amherst Fire Department -- basically all of Western New York. Complete strangers reached out.

You did not have to be a co-worker, friend, relative or neighbor to be part of Meghan's army. All were welcome.



Meghan fought hard right up to the end of her very short but inspirational life. At age 15, she lost her battle on Christmas Eve 2010.

If you met her, you were drawn to her; she had that personality that made you want to be better, to work harder and not give

up. She was, is and always will be an outstanding young woman that has changed the way many people look at life, family and friends -- and that is a good thing.

Meghan came to one of Albion's SECA Kick-Off days while she was in the middle of some very difficult treatments that drained her of her strength but you wouldn't know it. Staff couldn't wait to meet Meghan and she couldn't wait to meet all of them.

This photograph shows Albion staff, including [not necessarily in order] Superintendent Powers, Mike Zafrano, Patrick Eisenheimer, Bonnie Eisenheimer, Linda Hitchcock, DSP Diane Catalfu, DSS Sandra Amoia, Captain Joseph Noeth, Captain Dale Scalise, Duane Artus, Dave Wheeler and CPO Foundation Volunteer Representative Dave Wedzina presenting a check to Mike and Nancy Redenbach.

During the course of Meghan's treatment her father Mike would at times be having a difficult time dealing with what Meghan was going through. One day she looked at her father and affectionately told him, "Man up, Dad." "Man up" became the slogan of Meghan's struggle. There is not a day that goes by that you don't hear someone in Albion facility say, "Man up!" Meghan Redenbach gave us all strength during her struggle with just that phrase.



# California

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C/O Robert Singleton, a Supporting Member at California Institution for Men, had been with the CDCR for a relatively short time when he passed away from cancer on July 25, 2010. Officer Singleton was retired from the Army and had been anticipating a transfer to California SATF in Corcoran at the time of his death. The CPO Foundation assisted Officer Singleton's family (pictured at left) with costs associated with his funeral.



### To the CPO Foundation,

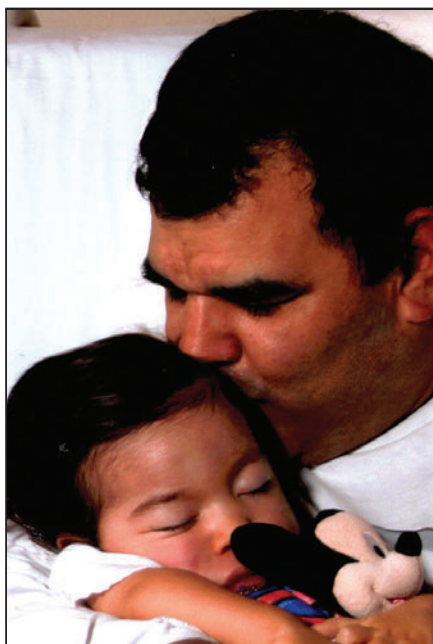
We would like to thank you so very much for everything your assistance program has done for our family, from the prayers, thoughts, phone calls to the very generous check. There are no words to describe how grateful we are. God bless you!

Sincerely,

The Hosman Family: Ryan,  
Melissa, Bradley and Baby Shelby,  
Bakersfield, CA



*C/O Ryan Hosman's wife Melissa had to be hospitalized for over a month to be treated for complications before and after the birth of the couple's daughter Shelby (pictured above right). Shelby's brother Bradley is about 18 months older than she. His parents sent us a baby picture of him, too (above left).*



C/O Jimmy Zarate is a Supporting Member at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison. His son Matthew was born with an incurable condition called spinal muscular atrophy. The little boy spent most of the 15 months of his time on earth on life support. He passed away on October 20, 2010. The CPO Foundation assisted Officer Zarate and his wife with the many extra expenses they incurred while caring for Matthew and spending much time in the hospital with him. Our condolences continue for the Zarates, and we thank them for sharing these photos with us and everyone else in the CPO Foundation family.



C/O Dawna Joseph, a Supporting Member at CSP Sacramento, passed away from cancer on August 10, 2010. We assisted her mother Pat Allen with funeral expenses, and thank Mrs. Allen for sending this family photograph of (left to right) Dawna's sister Brandy, Pat Allen, Dawna, brother Michael holding niece Allyssa, son Andre, and nephew Michael II.



**Dear Christina,**

We would like to thank you, Rodney McLemore, and the Supporting Members and Board of Directors of the CPO Foundation for the assistance check toward the costs we have incurred with the loss of our daughter Gwyndolyn and medical costs for our children in the NICU. We appreciate your generosity and are very thankful.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Padovan, Placerville, CA

*Mr. Tyler Padovan is a Parole Agent with the CDCR. In August 2010 his wife Nicole gave birth prematurely to triplets, two girls and a boy. Each weighed about a pound. Sadly, one of the girls died very shortly after birth. The boy needs a heart transplant and the surviving girl was suspected of having pneumonia. Nicole was still hospitalized as of October 20, 2010. At the recommendation of Mr. Rodney McLemore, the CPO Foundation assisted the Padovans with some of the many expenses they incurred during this very difficult time in their lives.*



Left: C/O Seth Lantz, a Supporting Member at Pleasant Valley State Prison, was killed in an auto accident on October 2, 2010. This is a picture of Officer Lantz and his family.

**To the CPO Foundation,**

We would like to say thank you to all. Marty is on the road to a slow recovery. He is doing well in physical therapy and has gained some use of his left leg. We are hoping he gets full use soon. Once again, thank you very much for your help.

Marty and Betty Perez, Tehachapi, CA

*Correctional Officer Perez, a Supporting Member at California Correctional Institution, was in a car accident on November 6,*



# California

2010 that left him with a broken back. We are very pleased to hear that he is making good progress in his recovery from this very serious injury. Here is a picture (bottom of page 18 of Marty and his family.



Correctional Officer Christopher Jones is a Supporting Member at Pelican Bay State Prison. His little daughter Saphira (pictured at left) has a kidney condition. We helped Officer Jones with incidental expenses incurred while Saphira was receiving treatment, and he sent us this delightful picture of Saphira, in a pensive mood, to share with all.

Right: The CPO Foundation assisted Sergeant Richard Ochoa, a Supporting Member at CSP L.A. County, last year after he had a heart attack in May and later on when he had to take more time off work to care for his son Angel who

has asthma. Sgt. Ochoa sent us this very nice family photo of his wife Rita, himself and their three children Angel, Caitlin and Blake.



Left: Brooke, youngest daughter of Correctional Officer and 15-year Supporting Member Charles Dobbins of Pleasant Valley State Prison, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis soon after she was born. Brooke, now almost 10, has been in and out of hospitals all her young life. She has other serious medical problems in addition to the cystic fibrosis, which is an incurable condition. The CPO Foundation

has assisted the Dobbins family periodically over the years to help with ongoing, medically related expenses. We were happy to receive this photo of a smiling Brooke with her mother Brandy taken this past Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to Brooke and her family during these difficult times.

Right: Correctional Officer Frederick Conrad, a Supporting Member at High Desert State Prison, was killed in a car accident on October 31, 2010 at the age of 28. We assisted his mother, Ms. Jessie Conrad, with the funeral expenses for which she was responsible.



**Dear Christina,**

My wife Monica and I want to thank you and the CPO Foundation Board of Directors for the love and support for our family. These last three months for the Meyers family have been very difficult, emotionally and physically. Our hearts are touched very deeply by all of the support and love for our son Cody. We know that there are numerous prayers that are said every day for him. Cody receives dialysis three times a week. His kidneys are stable at this time [December 21, 2010]. Cody continues to see numerous doctors to get treatment for this disease. With continued prayers, love and support Cody will conquer this disease one day. My wife and I shed tears knowing that Cody is being loved and prayed for.

Thank you,

Michael, Monica, Darrick, Cody and Logan Meyers, Yuba City, CA

*Counselor Michael Meyers is a Supporting Member at Leo Chesney Community Correctional Facility. His and Monica's son Cody was diagnosed with a chronic renal failure condition called Wegener's granulomatosis. We wish all the best to the Meyers family, particularly Cody in the treatment and management of his disease.*

Right: Correctional Officer Wyndell McKnight of CSP Sacramento, where he is a Supporting Member, received CPO Foundation assistance after suffering a heart attack in mid October 2010.



**Dear CPOF,**

Thank you so much for the catastrophic assistance. It could not have come at a better time. Even more, I would like to thank my loving wife Annette for her support and help. Without her I don't know how I could have made it through chemotherapy, all the doctors appointments and the trips to the emergency room at one or two in the morning. I would also like to thank my sons, Brandt and Bryant, for staying strong and helping out when I was very ill and grumpy. To all CPOF members, my family and I thank you so much.

Brandon Goodham and Family, Paso Robles, CA

*Sergeant Brandon Goodham was diagnosed with B Cell Lymphoma last year. He is a Supporting Member at California Training Facility. We are pleased to share this family picture (above left), and wish Sgt. Goodham well with his treatment.*

Right: Another Sergeant and Supporting Member at CTF assisted by the CPO Foundation is Alipio Sirwet, Jr., pictured here. Sgt. Sirwet has suffered multiple organ failures, had surgery twice and is going through a slow, financially draining recovery. We are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers.



# California



**Dear Christina,**

Thank you so much for your assistance and for the check. These are hard times for everyone and every bit helps. Enclosed is a picture (taken October 20, 2010) of my wonderful wife Susan, our beagle named Buddy, and myself. Again, thanks for your help and have a warm and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Steven Long, Lemoore, CA

*Correctional Officer Steven Long is a Supporting Member at the California SATF in Corcoran. Officer Long's wife had to have chemotherapy for breast cancer at a San Francisco medical facility, a three and a half hour drive from the Longs'*

*home. We wish her all the best, and hope that Buddy is as much a comfort to Steven as we're sure he is to Susan. Incidentally, Steven's caption for this picture is "Bald is Beautiful!"*



The CPO Foundation assisted Correctional Officer Connie Gutierrez of Pelican Bay State Prison after Officer Gutierrez' daughter Vandi (pictured at right) died suddenly in mid December 2010. Also pictured (left) are Officer Gutierrez with Joshua Elson (Connie's son and Vandi's brother)



**Dear Ms. Lee,**

On September 14, 2010 during a visit to the dentist our daughter Madison was the victim of a terrible accident that left her in critical condition with severe burns to her mouth and throat [oxygen tank exploded]. She spent 13 days in the hospital, eight of which were in the ICU.

During this time we received letters of encouragement and [an assistance check] from the CPOF that made a very dark time for us a little brighter. We will be forever grateful for the CPOF's generosity to our family.

We are excited to say that Madison is doing well [as of January 27, 2011] and has needed one surgery so far to help remove scar tissue. Again, thank you for the kindness and generosity to our family from the CPOF.

Respectfully,

George, Tina, Chase and Madison De Sousa Dias, Blythe, CA

*Transportation Officer George De Sousa Dias works at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison in Blythe. We are very pleased that Madison apparently is doing well, and hope she recovers completely with little or no scarring. At right is a really great picture of the De Sousa Dias family.*



# Federal News

-- by Kim Blakley, Federal Coordinator

Although the New Year is now well underway, I would still like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! If you are a new Supporting Member, and this is your first *CPO Family*, welcome. We hope you will enjoy reading the many stories of Staff who have been assisted by the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (*next four pages*).

2010 was a very busy year, full of strong growth for us within the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Our Supporting Membership base is flourishing, and in these difficult



At Project 2000 XXI last June in Buffalo, NY, among those honored was Major Eduardo Caraveo, a Correctional Psychologist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Pictured here are his widow Angela and (far right) son Eduardo Caraveo Jr. with Kim Blakley; Richard Waldo, member of the CPOF Board of Directors; and Christopher Epps, Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and also a member of the CPOF Board of Directors.

economic times that is a fine testament to the support that Staff wish to give, not only to their own families but to all their Correctional brothers and sisters across the country. They truly put into practice "Taking Care of Our Own!"

With ongoing growth comes wider awareness and knowledge of the different programs that the CPO Foundation has to offer. One of the most extensive of these is our Catastrophic Assistance Program: in the time period of January 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011 alone, we assisted over 250 Federal Bureau of Prisons families during some very stressful and sometimes heartbreaking times. We have assisted 1,870 Federal Officers and families in all to date.

I continue to make my way across the country vis-



Kim (in front) with "just a few" of the dedicated Volunteers we are proud to have at Federal facilities nationwide. Left to right: Vince Phillips, FCI Edgefield, SC; Dennis Biesik, FCI McKean, PA; Dwayne Pettit, FMC Lexington, KY; Laura Phillips, FCI Edgefield, SC; Wayne Bowdry, FMC Lexington, KY; Barbara Batulis, FCI Florence, CO; and Barry Fredieu, USP Lompoc, CA.

iting as many Federal Institutions as time allows. I am always so happy to set up a CPO Foundation table and share with Staff what we are all about, and one of my favorite things is meeting a Staff member whom we have assisted through the Catastrophic Assistance Program. Since I am the one that primarily processes the requests for assistance, and I who talk with many of the Officers and family members, it's always great to put a face with a name.

For years we have said we would rather receive multiple calls on a single situation than to have one of our Staff members in need go unassisted. Well, you all have been listening and more often than not I do receive several phone calls and/or emails when a Staff member is in need. So for that I thank you. If in fact you do know of a fellow co-worker in need please don't hesitate to email me at [kim@cpof.org](mailto:kim@cpof.org) or call our office at 1-800-800-2763.

Finally, if you are not yet a Supporting Member but would like to become one please email me and I will send you the forms needed to become a part of our "CPO Foundation Family."



Also at Project 2000 XXI last June, C/O Paulino Torres (left) of FCI Jessup in Georgia attended as a guest of the CPO Foundation. Officer Torres was in an accident in which he was crushed between a semi truck and a loading dock. He suffered major internal injuries that required a series of operations to repair.

## Federal Cases

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Warden Arcola Washington-Adduci; Correctional Treatment Specialist Patricia Doucet; Acting HR Manager LaTanya Cottrell, and Supervisor of Correctional Services Everett Cottrell.

**Kim,**

During the last year, Warden Arcola Washington-Adduci of FCI Terminal Island has been wonderful in reference to assisting my wife, Patricia Doucet, and me after Patricia's stroke on November 22, 2009. When I returned to work, three months after my wife's stroke, the Warden ensured that I would have a meeting with her and the Human Resources manager at least twice a month. During these meetings we would brainstorm and the Warden would assist me in ensuring that my "financial house" was in order. She ensured that all of Patricia's bills were being paid in a timely manner, she made sure that when Patricia went on leave without pay the deductions of certain allotments were transferred to my account, and a host of other things. I believe that the Warden realized that because I was being overwhelmed by Patricia's sickness, I might overlook items that were essential to our livelihood.

I would like to know if you could possibly mention Mrs. Adduci's pledge to assist her staff on a continuous basis in the CPOF magazine. In addition, I have a nice picture [above] of Mrs. Adduci and Patricia that was recently taken at the employee Christmas Club Party. Mrs. Adduci is an amazingly great leader, extremely empathic, and is the kind of Warden that an employee would be ashamed if they embarrassed her in any way.

Patricia is still not driving and her left side is still partially paralyzed, but I try to get her out as much as I can.

Thank you.

Warren A. Doucet, Correctional Treatment Specialist, FCI Terminal Island

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Right: Pictured are Warden Juan D. Castillo, SCO Larry Nelson, SCO Donald Dickman, CPOF Liaison Paul Landry and SCO John Newman. Paul recommended all three SCOs for assistance after devastating damages to their homes caused by the severe flooding in Memphis in May 2010.



**Dear Kim,**

We would like to thank you so much for the check and gift cards. It was very unexpected but very much appreciated. It's wonderful people like you who make these trying times much easier to handle. It's been tough, but we're doing better. Eric is healing from his fall ... he was very lucky.

Once again, thank you for thinking of us during this holiday season. You put a smile on our daughter's face and that means so much.

Kelly Estep and Family, Tamaroa, Illinois

*Thanks for the note, Kelly. Kelly is the wife of Senior Correctional Officer and Supporting Member Eric Estep of USP Marion in Illinois. Eric fell ten feet off a ladder while making repairs on his house after the house sustained over \$9,000 in damage from a severe storm in late October 2010. He injured his left shoulder and some ribs, and had a mild concussion.*

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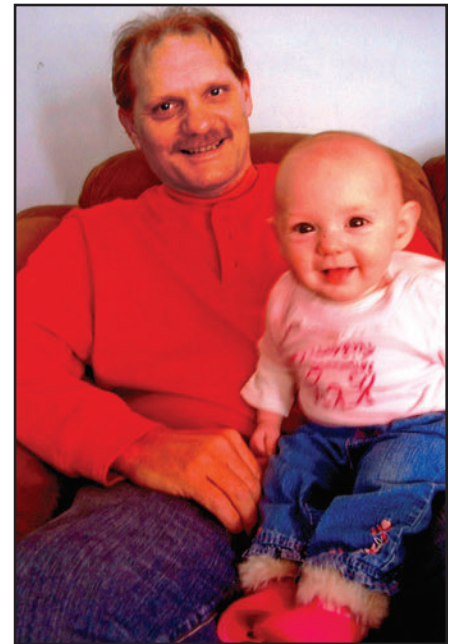
## Federal Cases

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Left: This is a picture of the Eric Cosby family of Victorville, California taken at Christmas 2009. Mr. Cosby was a Cook and Supporting Member at FCC Victorville. He suffered a massive heart attack in early November 2010 and was “life-flighted” to the nearest medical facility but, sadly, did not survive. Our condolences continue for his bereaved family. CPOF Liaison Frank Melendez, who recommended the Cosbys for assistance with funeral expenses, also told us that the FCC Victorville staff were “all very shaken” at the loss of Eric.

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Right: Mr. John C. Ball was a Utilities worker and Supporting Member at FMC Lexington, Kentucky. He is pictured here with his granddaughter Madison. Mr. Ball was diagnosed with lung cancer in March of 2010. He underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatments and in June tests indicated that the cancer was gone. However, John injured his neck in early August and the subsequent examinations showed that cancer had returned, this time in his spine. John began another radiation treatment program but, we are sorry to report, passed away in early November 2010. The CPO Foundation assisted the Ball family with the funeral expenses as well as the many extra expenses they had incurred during John’s months of treatment. CPOF Liaison Dwayne Pettit referred Mr. Ball for assistance.

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### Dear Kim,

On the evening of November 18, 2010, 18-year-old Nicholas Jordan Aucoin, son of Senior Correctional Officer Sean Aucoin of FCC Oakdale, Louisiana, was involved in a serious two-car collision. Jordan was flown to the trauma center at Rapides General Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana with severe head trauma. Doctors worked diligently on Jordan in the ICU for two days. On Saturday, November 20 at about 8:30 am, Jordan lost his battle. The bruising to his young brain was too much for the high school senior and football player to overcome. However, out of this horrifying tragedy emerges the hero Nicholas Jordan Aucoin: an organ donor. Like so many people today, Jordan had indicated on his driver’s license that he wished to be an organ donor. His parents honored his wishes and now nine people will have the opportunity to live and enjoy life, and another 55+ will benefit from his tissues.

Vanessa Gautreaux, Unit Secretary, FCC Oakdale, Louisiana  
*Sr. C/O Sean Aucoin is a Supporting Member. Ms. Gautreaux introduced her story, which we received on December 13, 2010, about Jordan this way:*

**“This is what Marcus Aucoin wanted to send. Sean and Misti could not write anything themselves. I think that it is still too fresh for them to deal. One day they will be able to write you themselves.**

**“This picture [next page, upper right] is one of the last Aucoin family pictures taken before the accident: Sean and Misti (seated) and their children Morgan, Kyle, Lauryn, Jordan and Bret.**



# Federal Cases

“Sean has returned to work and I think that will help him to deal a little better. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

“Thank you for everything you do for us here at Oakdale. You are a Godsend for us.”

*The Aucoin family will indeed be in our thoughts and prayers for a very long time to come.*



*The Sean Aucoin Family*



Left: This is the family of Melissa and Craig Standley, both of whom work at FCC Yazoo City in Mississippi. Their house sustained severe damage from the tornadoes that struck the area in the spring of 2010. The CPO Foundation provided an assistance check not only to the Standleys but also to six other FCC Yazoo City Correctional families who suffered damage to their homes and properties.

**Dear Kim Blakley,**

Our family would like to extend a huge “THANK YOU” to you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

Our son, Phillip was severely injured on Aug. 7, 2010. He suffered a TBI and was in a coma. Two months were spent in a Kingsport, Tennessee hospital. Phillip was then transferred to a catastrophic hospital called the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Gratefully, he was accepted into a coma stimulation program at the Shepherd Center. We spent five months in Georgia doing intensive rehab.

Happily, we returned home on February 19, 2011. Phillip is currently participating in an outpatient rehab program here in the Clinch Valley region.

Our family has experienced a gauntlet of emotions this past year. Please know how grateful we are to the CPO Foundation for the gifts; but most especially for the positive thoughts and prayers. They, along with a wonderful group of co-workers, friends, and family, pulled us through this very difficult time.

Phillip continues to improve daily and we are truly blessed by this miracle.

Thank you for being there for us.

Sincerely yours,

Michael & Tina Spradling, Richlands, VA

*Case Manager Michael Spradling is a Supporting Member at FCI McDowell in West Virginia. We thank Tina and him for this wonderful letter, and wish Phillip all the best for a complete recovery.*

**Left: Michael, Phillip and Tina Spradling**



*February 2011: Phillip’s homecoming party*



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Left: Pictured here is Supervisor Jacqueline Quinn (center) with her daughters Rita and Kiara. Supervisor Quinn is a Supporting Member at FMC Lexington in Kentucky. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in June 2010, underwent four rounds of chemotherapy and then had a mastectomy. She is still in treatment, but did write the encouraging words, “We are in remission” on the back of this picture. We wish Supervisor Quinn all the best for a positive outcome.

Right: Correctional Officer Kenneth Gagne of FCC Victorville in California, a Supporting Member, died from a sudden heart attack last July. The CPO Foundation assisted his widow Nicole Gagne, also a Supporting Member at FCC Victorville, with funeral expenses. Kenneth and Nicole are pictured here with their children Sawyer, Dillon, James and Kennadee.



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Left: This is a photo of the Eric Davis family. Lieutenant Eric Davis is a Supporting Member at FCC Dublin in California. His young teenage daughter Deanna was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2006. Deanna underwent five surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy. She did well with these procedures and was apparently cancer free until February of 2010 when tests showed that the tumor had grown back. By March the tumor had grown to 7 cm. in size and was determined to be inoperable. Deanna was given only a short time to live, and indeed slipped into a coma and passed away in late September 2010. Deanna is on the left in this picture with her father’s hand resting on her shoulder.

### Dear Kim Blakley,

I would like to thank you; the Correctional Peace Officers Board of Directors; Supporting Members; and Mr. Timmy Rogers, the CPOF Volunteer Liaison at USP Marion, for the assistance donation that I received while recovering from eye surgery. My wife and I are very grateful for your assistance.

Thank you!

Patrick Barber, Marion, IL

*Lieutenant Barber, a Supporting Member at USC Marion, had surgery in November 2010 to replace one of his corneas. He received a donor cornea. We wish him well with his recovery.*

# Remembering Lance

## Lance C. Corcoran

### EOW: February 27, 2011

by Charleene Corby

Lance Corcoran was a dedicated Correctional Professional. I first met Lance when he was in the California Department of Corrections Academy. Of course I had no way of knowing then what lay ahead in the near future for “that man”, a Correctional Peace Officer. In fact, Lance became the principal spokesman and “go to man” for CCPOA, and a gentleman that would hold the Corrections Profession in the highest of regard.

Have you ever heard the saying “see me, be me,” meaning that everyone that sees or meets “me” wants to “be me?” Well, Lance was NEVER that conceited – but believe me, there were many who, once they met and talked to Lance, sincerely did want to be just like him.

Although separated at the time of his death, Lance was married for 25 years to Christine and together they had three sons. Lance often shared with all, even at CCPOA Conventions, that he had three sons born in three different decades. Ian, the oldest now in college in Santa Barbara, was born in the late 1980s (actually 1989). Michael was born in the next decade and little Dylan came along in the *next* decade -- the first one of the new Millenium. I remember Christine bringing Dylan when he was less than one week old to a CCPOA State Board Meeting in Sacramento and I saw the pride on Lance’s face. He said to me later, “I could have my own ‘My Three Sons’ show.” I smiled and totally agreed.

Lance was “our buddy” in many ways over the years and sometimes on not-so-happy occasions. One such was in January of 2005. On January 10, Correctional Peace Officer Manuel Gonzalez Jr. was murdered at California Institution for Men (CIM) in Chino, California. After Mike Jimenez, President of CCPOA, contacted Lance, Lance called me and I was immediately at his side to assist however the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF), and I personally,



could.

When we say “We Are Family” and “We Take Care of Our Own,” that was proved abundantly at this time.

It is true that over tragedies, good friendships often develop, and that is what happened both to Lance and to me with Manny Sr. and his wife Bertha. They opened their home to us so that we could

discuss at length what needed to be discussed, namely, the details and plans for the formal paying of final respects to Fallen Correctional Peace Officer Manuel Gonzalez Jr. I learned a great deal from Lance on this venture and to this day will forever be grateful. The Gonzalez’s fondly referred to Lance as “a son” and are also deeply grieving his passing.

I know many of you are aware of the group “The Forgotten Victims of Attica.” In 1971, an 11-day siege took place at Attica Correctional Facility in New York State in which 11 Corrections Officers and Staff were killed. Many of us in Corrections remember this time. It wasn’t until Lance, Mike Jimenez and CCPOA brought some of the survivors to one of their annual Conventions that the CPOF and I had the opportunity to meet these extraordinary individuals. Meeting John and Mary Stockholm, Donny and Patti Almeter and Mike and Sharon Smith took my breath away. It has also been an awesome experience to meet the Cunningham brothers who followed in their Dad’s footsteps after he, Sergeant Edward Cunningham, was taken hostage and murdered in 1971. Following in the Cunningham brothers’ footsteps in turn are their own sons, so that there is a third generation of Cunninghams now working at Attica and in New York State Corrections. And then there is Dee Quinn Miller, the daughter of slain Corrections Officer William Quinn, who was only four years old when her Daddy was murdered in 1971.

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Dee Quinn Miller is the direct founder of "The Forgotten Victims of Attica." Because of Lance, we all got directly involved with the Annual Attica Memorial that takes place each year on September 13 at Attica facility. To all the victims and survivors, our continued prayers are with

you and your families and Attica Correctional Staff as well. Tuesday, September 13, 2011, will mark the 40th Anniversary of this terrible hostage-taking, murderous riot.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is national in scope and Lance was frequently available to assist the CPOF and me with Fallen Officers and surviving families, which would sometimes take him away for a time from his own family. But when you have "the passion" in you to assist others in a time of need, you go and you do. I don't recall Lance ever saying "no", so with that said, Christine, thanks for sharing your husband; and, Ian, Mike and Dylan, thanks for sharing your Dad!

Another more recent hostage situation, this time in Arizona in January/February of 2004, was that of Corrections Officer Lois Fraley who was held for 14 days and 14 hours. Again, the State Board and Executive Council of CCPOA befriended Officer Fraley and invited her to a CCPOA Convention. Very soon, a friendship among Lois, Lance and me came about.

Lance had hundreds of other events he was involved in, mostly in California, and including a lot of fund-raisers held at the River Cats Stadium (Sacramento's baseball team's stadium). Again, Lance always made new friends. I doubt very much if Lance ever met a stranger.

The farewell to Lance C. Corcoran was awesome, if I do say so myself. On a beautiful California day, Saturday, March 5, 2011, Lance was eulogized. There were well over 1,000 in attendance. The Divine Savior Catholic Church was filled to capacity. Correctional Officers from all over the United States, and current

## Remembering Lance

and past Wardens and Administrators, attended to pay their respects, many stopping to give me a much-needed hug and condolences. I, like so many, lost a dear, dear friend.

Lance was given a true Law Enforcement tribute, including a 21-gun volley. Father Roman Mueller gave the welcome greeting, Chaplain Mindi Russell served as Mistress of Ceremonies, Father Joe Termullo spoke some comforting words, and Don Novey, the past president of CCPOA, made a nice farewell talk in which he discussed Lance's many accomplishments. Mr. Steve Weiss, CCPOA Chief of Labor, and Mr. Scott Kernan, Undersecretary/Operations for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, also were present and spoke of Lance's accomplishments.

A wonderful and remarkable thing happened after the ceremony: Once outside the church, many noticed a white dove perched on top of the Divine Savior Catholic Church cross (*see photo, with insert close-up*). Then, after the casket was returned to the hearse to be taken to the funeral site, the dove took off, flew in a circle above the mourners, and returned to sit on top of the cross.

I would like to especially thank Joe Vega and Dan Weber for being a part of "the transportation team." They transported family and friends to the viewing and then on Saturday made sure ALL got to the Divine Savior Catholic Church. It is volunteers like Dan, Joe and Skip Conley (our official photographer) and many other volunteers nationally that make the CPO Foundation the caring organization it is today, thank you!

Now, it is about those Lance left behind, especially his sons. Many of you have called me asking, "What can I do?" Notes and emails for Dylan, Ian and Mike can be written and sent to my attention at the CPOF Sacramento office. You can also email me your best moments or memories of Lance and I will be honored to present them to the Corcoran family.

Lance also left his wonderful parents, Tim and Barbara Corcoran who live in Oregon; two sisters, Candace and Tammy; and his big, extended family, "the Corrections Profession."

There is not enough room in any publication, much less the *CPO Family*, to print the hundreds, maybe thousands, of photos that have been taken of Lance at, again, hundreds of Correctional gatherings. Here, in addition to the photos of his memorial service, we share a couple of our favorites.

Lance, you will forever be missed.

*more photos next page*

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# Texas



Left: Maintenance Supervisor Johnnie Largent, Jr. and his family lost their home and all possessions in a fire. Supervisor Largent, who works at Beto Unit, was recommended for assistance by Sharon Armstrong, a Training Specialist IV at Beto Unit. CPO Foundation Texas Representatives Cathy Stokes (left) and Debbie Herklotz (right) presented Supervisor Largent with his check.



Right: Sergeant Diego Cantu of Briscoe Unit (at left in this picture) was diagnosed with a form of skin cancer called keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma and was unable to work for several months. Briscoe Unit Warden Tony Samaniego presented Sergeant Cantu with a CPO Foundation assistance check to help with out of pocket medical expenses.



Left: The CPO Foundation assisted in another fire-related situation when the state home of Captain Bodiel Mares of Coffield Unit sustained fire and smoke damage. Pictured here are Coffield Warden John Rupert, CPOF Texas Representative Debbie Herklotz, Captain Mares and CPOF Texas Representative Cathy Stokes.



Right: Fire also destroyed the home and all possessions of Maintenance Supervisor Gilbert Reyes III of the TDCJ Facilities Division. CPOF Texas Representative Cathy Stokes presented an assistance check to Supervisor Reyes (center); at left is Mr. Atwood of the Facilities Division.

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Right: Captain Jerry Montgomery of the TDCJ Training Department received assistance from the CPO Foundation to help with extra expenses incurred while he was off work and undergoing surgery on his feet. He is pictured here with CPOF Texas Representatives Debbie Herklotz and Cathy Stokes.



### Mrs. Barone:

On behalf of the family of Officer James Hollis, I thank you for the assistance check you were able to provide to Christy Hamaty. Ms. Hamaty is the daughter of Officer Hollis, who passed away on January 23, 2011, after being employed for almost 14 years at the Robertson Unit. As Officer Hollis' family, friends and co-workers began to deal with the loss, we were so happy to learn that the CPOF would be able to step in and help ease some of the financial burden to the family in their time of grief. The assistance provided by the CPOF was very much appreciated by Ms. Hamaty and the rest of the family.

Enclosed [at left] is a photograph of the check presentation. Pictured from left to right are Major David Lofton,

Joe Ponder (representing the CPOF), Christy Hamaty, myself, and Major Anthony Adcox.

We appreciate all that the CPOF does for employees in the Corrections field.

Sincerely,

E. L. Wheeler, Senior Warden, French M. Robertson Unit, Abilene, Texas

Right: The wife of Sergeant Glenn Thompson of Clements Unit was diagnosed with breast cancer in April 2010. She had chemotherapy, was hospitalized several times and underwent surgery in October 2010. Mrs. Thompson then developed a thyroid problem and had to begin a treatment program for that condition. Sergeant Thompson, a Supporting Member, received an assistance check to help with the many medical-related extra expenses he and his family have incurred.







## Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Brad Livingston  
Executive Director

October 31, 2010

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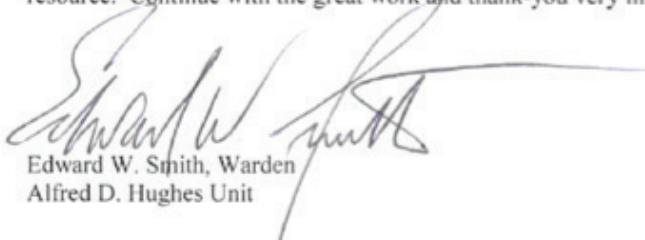
On behalf of the employees of the Alfred D. Hughes Unit, I would like to express my thanks for the assistance that was provided to several employees of our facility; as a long time member, I am proud of the assistance this organization provides.

Recently, we presented Officer Antoinette Sneed an assistance check from CPOF to help her and the family with the tragic murder of her husband. She has several small children and the loss of their father presents a major void in their life and many hardships to follow; the assistance was much appreciated.

Earlier in the month, Ms. Becky Blisard, Food Service Manager II, was assisted. She has been off duty due to a continuing illness. It does not appear that she will be able to return any time soon and the assistance was timely and much needed. She expressed her gratitude for the kind action and thoughts.

And, we presented Sgt. Willis Owens with an assistance check after the sudden death of his young daughter. This has been a shock to the family and friends and has been difficult to understand. The assistance was helpful in burial expenses and Sgt. Owens was taken back by the gesture.

As always, CPOF has been there for the correctional staff throughout the nation, we have been no exception. You answer our requests and prayers to extend help and assistance; it would be a sobering thought not to have such a resource. Continue with the great work and thank-you very much.



Edward W. Smith, Warden  
Alfred D. Hughes Unit



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# Pennsylvania

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## *Report from Wendy Baur, CPO Foundation Representative in Pennsylvania --*

As I write this, those of us living in Pennsylvania are struggling to survive another cold winter. Hopefully by the time you are reading it we will all be thawed out and the snow shovels put away.

I am proud to say that every year that goes by I see growth of the CPO Foundation in our state. As you all know, the CPOF holds its National Memorial Ceremony every year. This past year it was held in Buffalo at Project 2000 XXI. Being so close to us, Pennsylvania was able to truly shine with participation. We had Honor Guards from SCI Greene, SCI Albion, SCI Pittsburgh, SCI Mahoney and SCI Dallas. We were very pleased to have Mr. Michael Klopotoski, Deputy Secretary/Eastern Region, in attendance, and another strong supporter of ours, Executive Secretary Shirley Moore-Smeal, also attended. There aren't enough "thank-you's" to express what her support has meant.

We honored one of "their own" from SCI Dallas, Petty Officer Second Class Brian Patton, who lost his life in military service protecting the freedom of this



***Petty Officer Second  
Class Brian Patton***

nation. Deputy Mooney attended with his Honor Guard. The support that SCI Dallas gave to their Honor Guard team to attend the service, with Brian's widow Amy and their children, is a testament to the belief that honoring our Fallen and respecting the families they leave behind should hold no price. We give

many thanks to the Superintendents that attended or granted permission for Staff from their institutions to attend.

Seems every time Project comes to a close, the folks who attended have been changed forever and head back to their homes and their prisons hopefully walking a little taller and planning to make a return trip. Project ending also brings the talk of another SECA campaign coming up fast. As you in Pennsyl-



***Executive Secretary Shirley Moore-Smeal at Project  
2000 XXI in Buffalo with PA Honor Guards***

vania all are aware now, in 2010 the State decided to push on-line registration, not printing the forms we all have become accustomed to. I contacted the CPOF Volunteers in our prisons to come up with a plan to keep track of our Supporting Members, as going to an on-line system wasn't going to make that easy. To the Volunteers who took their own time to get a form and input employees' information from their prisons on them, how could a thank you ever be good enough? Your dedication is hands down what pulled us through the 2010 campaign.

Every year we add more prisons to our list of visits. This past year one of these was SCI Retreat. Superintendent James McGrady contacted me with an invitation to set up a table, and SECA chair Bill McGeever worked hard to keep track of our new members and relay info about the CPOF to the Staff. We also brought on SCI Coal Township. We were invited to set up a table by Superintendent David Varano and had Rhonda Tomcavage leading the SECA campaign there. Rhonda put in a day sitting with me talking to the Staff about the benefits of CPOF membership. The SECA campaign is short in duration to cover all the prisons of our State and it could not be accomplished without our dedicated Volunteers who are willing to go "above and beyond." Sgt. Cindy Sandly of SCI Mahoney and Lt. Ray Stender of SCI Waymart are two of those people. Both took time out of their lives to go to other prisons to talk to the staff about CPOF. The SECA campaign as a whole turned out well, and

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I was invited back to SCI Pine Grove where a team of Volunteers working with SECA chair Jessica Purcell pulled off a picnic with some amazing food for the Staff. Also, the Staff of CSI Creeson worked to hold a picnic during the campaign. A thank you is owed to Superintendent Cameron and his Volunteers for making an attempt at pulling their staff together even under the adversity they faced. Thank you to the members who chose to come down and renew their donations.

I can't go through a SECA campaign without mentioning SCI Pittsburgh -- what an amazing group of people. Lt. Joe Ober has worked tirelessly to put SCI Pittsburgh at the top of the campaign. What more can be said? The CPO Foundation's roots in Pittsburgh have grown over the years and now under Superintendent Melvin Lockett the membership is higher than ever.

The efforts put forth by so many to promote giving back during the campaign have enabled us to continue to grow. From Pat Brady and his team of volunteers at SCI Albion to Superintendent Michael Harlow who flipped burgers during their kick-off to the large number of staff who participate, SCI Albion has proven that working together can accomplish a lot. What an asset to their community that Pat contacts all

the human services agencies with an invitation to attend. Robin Calabria from Boot Camp took time from her day to sit at a table with me and encourage staff to complete their forms. SCI Somerset has Don Talley who continues his efforts to promote CPOF and keep us informed of any catastrophic situations. Thank you, Don, for again this year standing with us to inform staff of the CPOF mission. Susan Satterlee at SCI Forest continued her effort to promote CPOF during the campaign and with a team of Volunteers completed another successful kick-off.

Last but never least and always a favorite of my visits was SCI Greene and Mark Delasandro who spent another year with me working a SECA campaign. I say working but it's really like a visit home. The staff at Greene has always supported the CPOF and visiting them always reminds me that "taking care of our own" takes all of us.

As I said, the SECA campaign is short in time but I truly enjoy going out to all the prisons and talking with our membership. Again, the efforts put forth by the Superintendents who allow a kick-off and the many, many Volunteers who pull it together account for the membership numbers we have across the state. Thank you all for showing that together we can make a difference.

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## The Catastrophic Assistance Program at Work in Pennsylvania

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**Dear Christina,**

On behalf of my family and me, we would like to thank the CPOF for their generous donation during this most difficult time for us. The check provided will go toward the various medical and travel related expenses that we will incur in caring for Kurt.

Again, thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

*Karl D. Keller, Hanley, PA  
Correctional Officer Keller is a Supporting Member at SCI Waymart. His and his wife Mary's son Kurt was diagnosed last fall with osteosarcoma (bone cancer).*

Maintenance Worker Timothy Hoyman of SCI Greensburg passed away on December 27, 2010. At the recommendation of Wendy Baur, the CPO Foundation assisted his surviving family with funeral expenses.

Mr. Hoyman is pictured here with his children, Ben, 16; Olivia, 13; and Jake, 16.



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## Assistance in Pennsylvania

Correctional Officer Clyde Pearsol is a Supporting Member at SCI Greensburg. On August 20, 2010 his wife Debra passed away from kidney disease. Wendy Baur, the CPO Foundation's Representative for Western Pennsylvania, recommended assistance with related expenses for the Pearsol family. They are pictured at right in October 2009 at the local high school's "Senior Night."



Left: Correctional Officer I John Boylan of SCI Huntingdon was in a serious motorcycle accident in September 2010 and cannot return to work because of traumatic brain injury. He is pictured here receiving a CPO Foundation check from C/O III Dave Fogle, who recommended the assistance.

### Dear Ms. Lee:

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank you, the CPO Foundation Board of Directors, SCI Muncy Superintendent Nancy Giroux, Sara Moser, Wendy Baur and all the staff at SCI Muncy for their wonderful support and the kind gesture of financial support from the CPOF.

The fire that destroyed our home left us feeling devastated, lost and alone. Our good friends among the CPO Foundation members and SCI Muncy staff have gone a long way in helping us to feel connected and supported, promoting our healing as we start over.

Thank you again,

David LaMont, PATS II, SCI Muncy, PA

*We thank PATS II LaMont for his letter. It truly expresses what we mean when we say "taking care of our own."*

Correctional Officer John Smith (second from right) is a Supporting Member at SCI Laurel Highlands. His adult daughter Tammy was slain in an episode of domestic violence. She was an aide at a nursing home and had three children. SCI Laurel Highlands Superintendent Dan Burns requested assistance for Officer Smith from the CPO Foundation, and is pictured here (on the left) presenting Officer Smith with his check. Also pictured are Wendy Baur, CPO Foundation Pennsylvania Representative, and Lieutenant Rich Elders, the CPO Foundation's Volunteer at SCI Laurel Highlands.



## Assistance in Pennsylvania

Right Pictured here from SCI Greene are Deputy Mark Capozza, Officer Brandon Williams and Sergeant Bill Schamp. Sergeant Schamp contacted us when co-worker Brandon Williams was diagnosed with MERSA and off work to receive treatment. The CPOF assisted Officer Williams during this time. Many thanks to Sergeant Schamp for the referral.



Left: From SCI Fayette, here are Officer Sharla McMillan and Sergeant Chris Sheetz, with CPOF Representative Wendy Baur. Sergeant Sheetz contacted the CPOF on behalf of Officer McMillan after injuries she sustained in a motorcycle accident kept her from returning to work.

Right: In separate incidents, both SCI Fayette Sergeant Chris Sheetz and Officer Brent Roberts were assaulted by inmates and had to be off work due to injuries sustained. Wendy Baur is also pictured.



Right: Pictured are Maintenance Officer and Supporting Member Steven Croy of SCI Mercer, his wife Laura and their daughter Katelyn. Laura has been diagnosed with cancer and began chemotherapy in mid February 2011 at a hospital that is a fair distance from the family's home. At the recommendation of Sgt. Ronald



Lewis, our contact at SCI Mercer, the CPO Foundation provided an assistance check to help with the extra expenses the Croys have incurred.

**Dear Wendy,**

Thank you so much for all the help you gave us during this terrible time in our lives. It is so good to know there are still good people in this world willing to help.

Dave and Cathy Nicklis, Bedford, PA  
*David Nicklis is a Correctional Officer and Supporting Member at SCI Smithfield. Officer Nicklis fell from the roof of his home while doing repairs and shattered both of his heels and ankles. After surgery he was wheelchair bound until he healed. The CPO Foundation assisted him with the many extra medically related expenses he and his family incurred during this time.*

# North Carolina

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**Dear Ms. Lee,**

On July 8, 2010 I was pleased to present your generous gift to my co-worker, Anita Lilly, LPN. Nurse Lilly was very grateful. We would like to express our appreciation to the CPOF for your kindness and generosity. As you requested, here is a photo of me presenting the check to Nurse Lilly.

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

Thank you again for the assistance to Nurse Lilly. Nothing can make up for the loss of family or the injuries she suffered in the car accident, but your assistance has helped to ease some of the financial as well as emotional burdens that she has suffered.

Sincerely,

Ella Thomas, LPN, Brown Creek Correctional Institution, Polkton, NC

*Nurse Anita Lilly of Brown Creek C. I. suffered a concussion in an auto accident that took the life of one of her two brothers. Her other brother died a couple of weeks later under unrelated circumstances.*

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**Dear Christina Lee,**

My family and I wanted to thank you for the check and the prayers. All of it will help us greatly. I have sent a picture of my family and me. Thank you again in our time of need.

Randy Baxter, South Mills, NC

*Correctional Officer Randy Baxter works at Pasquotank C. I. His young son Ryan was in a serious ATV accident in which he sustained head trauma and the loss of sight in his left eye. As of the end of October 2010 Ryan was scheduled for surgery to implant a prosthetic eye. Pictured are Officer Baxter, his wife Cathy and Ryan.*

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**Dear Ms. Lee:**

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the CPO Foundation for their generosity to Ms. Mary Jones, Program Director I at Scotland Correctional Institution.

It was indeed an honor to personally present the assistance packet to Ms. Jones.

Again, thank you for the CPO Foundation's generous support.

Sincerely,

Joel Herron, Correctional Administrator I, Scotland Correctional Institution,  
Laurinburg, NC

*Program Director I Mary Jones lost her home and all contents in an electrical fire. The CPO Foundation provided an assistance check at the recommendation of Scotland C. I. Administrative Services Manager Stephanie Smith.*

# North Carolina

## Christina,

We can't begin to express what the donation from the CPO Foundation means to us. The money is most definitely helpful and will go to extremely good use, no doubt about that. But more than the money, we so greatly appreciate the thought behind the gift. The tragic loss is a burden but your actions have really lightened the load.

This time has been difficult for us, but knowing we have the support of people like you certainly helps. Please know we won't forget your kind gesture.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Kevin, Christi and Haley Dudney, Lumberton, NC

*Correctional Officer Kevin Dudney works at Tabor Correctional Institution. He and his family lost everything in a house fire. Kevin wrote the above note in August. He wrote again in December (letter immediately below), accompanied by a family Christmas photo. So nice to see those smiles (and pets!):*

## Dear Christina,

I would like to thank you for everything that you and the CPO Foundation have done for my family and me. At our time of loss, you and what you stand for were a light in the darkest of skies. God bless you and the organization! My family and I have recently started over and are doing well. We have moved into our new home, and we are replacing some of the things that we lost. Enclosed [right] is a picture of our family. On the left is myself, Kevin, holding our rabbit Molly. She survived the fire thanks to our neighbor. Next to me is my wife Christi with our newest bunny, Gracie, and our daughter Haley with our cat, Trouble. Once again, THANK YOU!



## To the CPOF:

We, the family of Baby Chloe Riley Currier, would like to thank you and express our appreciation for all the love that was shown to us during [what was] our loss, but heaven's most precious gain. May God bless you and may you know you will be part of our prayers. Thanks for helping to make precious memories.

With our love,  
Robert J. Currier Jr.,  
wife Aliceson, and Harley,  
Emma and Leah, Fairmont,  
NC

*Correctional Officer Robert*

*Currier of Lumberton Correctional Institution and his family suffered the very sad loss of Chloe Riley Currier, who was stillborn on October 3, 2010. The CPO Foundation assisted with funds for the infant's funeral. Our condolences continue for the Currier family, and we appreciate Robert's heartfelt note and*

*In Memory Of*  
Miss Chloë Riley Currier



# FLORIDA

Right: Lieutenant Wade Andrews, Jr., a Supporting Member at the Reception and Medical Center in Lake Butler, Florida was diagnosed with throat cancer and lost several months of work while undergoing treatments. RMC Classification Officer Terrasa Wood recommended assistance from the CPO Foundation for Lieutenant Andrews and sent us this photo of the check presentation. From left to right are: Officer Wood, Lieutenant Andrews, his son Dustin and RMC Warden Brian Riedl.



Correctional Officer Mary Neal, a Supporting Member at Sumter Correctional Institution in Bushnell, Florida, received a CPO Foundation assistance check to help with extra medical-related expenses after she had surgery for colon cancer followed by months of chemotherapy. She is pictured here with Sumter C.I. Colonel Cal Steve Klein and Assistant Warden of Programs Robin Smith.

Photo: Correctional Officer Sarah Hires of Union Correctional Institution in Raiford, Florida lost her husband Arthur in August 2010 when Arthur was killed in an auto accident. Arthur also was a Correctional Officer at Union C.I. Warden Betty Reddish requested CPO Foundation assistance for Sarah with funeral and related costs. The Hires family is pictured here: Arthur, Sarah and their children Richard and Ruthann.



Next page: A very special letter from Mr. Rosby Jones, Internal Affairs Special Investigator for the Orange County Jail in Orlando, Florida. In August of 2009, Special Investigator Jones lost his sister Jennifer as a result of a massive stroke. She left four children.

Note that Investigator Jones refers to his chairing one of the many committees of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency's Annual Training Conference this past August of 2010. The CPO Foundation has participated in the FCCD's Annual Training Conference for the past seven years and we are very proud to announce that *as of February 2011, the FCCD became one of our newest Lifetime Sponsors.*



# FLORIDA

September 6, 2010

Dear Ms. Barone,

First, I sincerely apologize for the delay in sending you this heartfelt letter of appreciation. I took an additional two weeks to recuperate after having served as the Chairman for the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency's Annual Training Conference [held August 23-26, 2010 in Bonita Springs, Florida].

On August 21, 2009, God put his arms around our loved one, and whispered, "Jennifer, come to me." With tearful eyes my family and I watched as she peacefully passed away. A year has passed since Jennifer went on to live in a more peaceful place where every day is a joyous day, and where pain, sickness, and worries do not exist.

I cannot begin to express to you the emotions that I felt, and the tears I shed when Deputy Chief Cornita Riley presented me with your financial gift. As I am sitting at my computer writing this letter, tears are flowing down my

face because I am so moved by both your remembrance and act of kindness. Unlike many of the friends and family members who have come and gone, it is abundantly clear the CPO Foundation never left our side.

I wish you could have been present when I shared your letter and financial gift with my parents and siblings. They, like me, were so overwhelmed with emotions that they began lifting you and your organization up in prayer. Please note that you and the CPO Foundation have become our extended family, and we are eternally grateful for your act of kindness. Stephanie, if there is anything that I can do for you and the CPO Foundation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please send me information on how I can serve either as a volunteer or ambassador for the CPO Foundation.

Sincerely,  
Rosby L. Jones  
Internal Affairs Special Investigator  
Orange County Jail, Orlando, Florida

*Hello to everyone --*

*My name is Terrasa Wood and I am formerly a Classification Officer for Reception Medical Center. After 17 years of service for the Florida Department of Corrections I decided it was time to spend more time with my children, especially my oldest daughter who was diagnosed in 2009 with Scleroderma. Once home "a lot," I found that Kelcie and I had plenty of time on our hands, as her doctors had lightened up her load of treatments. Thus, I put my extra energy and time into the Correctional Peace Officers' Foundation (CPOF).*

*As you can see at the top of page 40, I am presenting a check to Wade Andrews, a Lieutenant at the Reception and Medical Center. John Williams and I want to do MORE check presentations and we can do just that with your assistance. If you know of a Correctional Officer or Correctional Staff (yes, we assist ALL that work in the field of Corrections) needing catastrophic assistance and "a hand up," please contact me at [twoodcpof@yahoo.com](mailto:twoodcpof@yahoo.com) or Stephanie Barone in the CPOF main office at [stephanie@cpof.org](mailto:stephanie@cpof.org).*

*Then, if you are a Florida Supporting Member – thank you! John Williams and I are your contacts in our beautiful state. John retired from Putnam CI several years ago and, as many of you may remember, lost his son Jerome in the line of duty in 1995. After you read this publication please share it with someone else at your facility that might not be aware of the Correctional Peace Officers' Foundation. Both John and I have membership applications to provide you with, or you can simply go to the CPOF website – [cpof.org](http://cpof.org) – and download the Florida membership application form.*

*In closing, if your facility is having a gathering or fundraiser on behalf of a Staff member please email me and I will try and come and support you, the Correctional Officer for whom the function is being held, and his or her family through CPOF. Thanks!*

# West Virginia



In November 2010, Correctional Officer I John Mayfield and Office Administrator II Valarie Fortesque of Northern Correctional Facility



both were killed in a vehicle accident on their way to Training Academy. Ray Wagoner, our Representative in West Virginia, and NCF Warden Evelyn Seifert recommended assistance to their families. In the photo above left are Warden Seifert; Officer Mayfield's widow Hailey, holding John's and her son Reagen; Diann Clarke; and Lieutenant Ed Little. Above right: The same NCF personnel with Valarie's parents Bill and Theresa Hickman. Right: Office Administrator II Valarie Fortesque.



Left: Correctional Officer II Grady Whitson (second from left) is a Supporting Member at Lakin Correctional Facility for Women in West Columbia, West Virginia. He was off work for some time after back surgery. Lieutenant Stephen Roush (center) recommended Officer Whitson for assistance from the CPO Foundation, and sent us this picture of the check presentation. Also pictured are Lakin CFW Warden Lori Nohe, CPO Foundation Representative Ray Wagoner and Deputy J. D. Sallaz.

## To the CPO Foundation and Shanna Bredeson,

Just a note to let you know how much we are grateful for your lovely letter, poem and donation. Your thoughtfulness toward us at this time of sadness has been so comforting. We just can't express enough thanks for the kindness and support you have shown. Keep us in your prayers, and God bless.

Joshua Swartz, Follansbee, WV

*Correctional Officer II Joshua Swartz is a Supporting Member at Northern Correctional Facility. Sadly, he lost his wife Harriet to injuries she sustained in an auto accident.*

# West Virginia

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Left: Chaplain John Riffe of Huttonsville Correctional Center with his wife Melissa and daughter Emma. Chaplain Riffe passed away on October 19, 2010. The CPO Foundation assisted Melissa with the funeral expenses.

Right: Pictured are Warden Evelyn Seifert of Northern Correctional Facility; Gene Persinger; Ann Stevey, widow of NCF C/O III Herbert Stevey; CPOF Facility Representative Diann Clarke; CPO Foundation Representative Ray Wagoner; Rick Lohr; and Karen Pszczolkowski. The CPO Foundation assisted Mrs. Stevey after the sudden death of her husband in mid January 2011 and the death from a seizure of her 21-year-old son Shaun about five weeks later.



Correctional Officer II Wesley Shriver, a Supporting Member at St. Mary's Correctional Center, and his wife Amanda welcomed Landon, the newest member of their family, seven weeks earlier than expected. Landon had to be on life support for some time. The CPO Foundation sent

the Shrivens an assistance check to help with the many expenses they incurred as a result of the baby's hospitalization. Amanda tends to Landon in the picture above left; at right, Amanda holds Landon and the assistance check, while a smiling Wesley holds older son Logan (who is *not* enjoying this particular occasion!).



Left: Investigator Tim Harper of the Division of Juvenile Services is pictured here presenting an assistance check to Ms. Cassandra Robinson, daughter of Kanawha County Jail Director Lana Robinson. Director Robinson was found dead in her home on February 11, 2011 of undetermined causes. Investigator Harper is a very active Volunteer for the CPO Foundation in West Virginia.

# ALASKA



Left: Correctional Officer II Robert Joseph of the Anchorage Correctional Complex in Alaska lost his home and, tragically, his grandson in a house fire that took place on November 3, 2010. Officer Joseph was at work at the time of the fire. A neighbor was able to get Mrs. Joseph out of the house safely but their grandson Hayden, who was in a back bedroom, could not be reached in time to save him. CPO Foundation Representative Ned Entwisle, who is retired from the Alaska Department of Corrections, recommended Officer Joseph for assistance and is pictured here presenting the check.



Right:  
Correctional

Officer II Charles McElwee of Palmer Correctional Center in Palmer suffered a stroke on August 19, 2010. Unable to work, he had to have speech and occupational therapy three times a week for many weeks. Once again, CPO Foundation Representative Ned Entwisle recommended Officer McElwee for assistance and had the pleasure of presenting the check. Ned reported that at the

time of the check presentation Officer McElwee was “progressing extremely well” – good news indeed!

## *from Ned Entwisle, CPO Foundation Alaska Representative*

Hello from the great state of Alaska!

Working with the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation and assisting Correctional Officers way up north makes me happy even on cold, cold Alaskan days.

I was in the Air Force for 20 years and then spent 20 + years with Alaska DOC. I have been a Supporting Member of the CPO Foundation for many years via bank draft donation. So far we do not have a payroll slot up here but hopefully soon Commissioner Joe Schmidt and I can make that happen.

Before I discuss the Catastrophic Assistance Program I would personally like to thank the CPOF Board of Directors for all they did regarding the In Line of Duty death of Correctional Officer Jamie Hesterberg and recognizing him at Project 2000 XIV in South Carolina. C/O Hesterberg worked at the Cook Inlet Pretrial Facility and was killed in November of 2002. Even then here in Alaska we had Supporting Members of the CPO Foundation and, like me, Jamie was one of those.

Now, the Catastrophic Assistance Program: As I said, I have been a Supporting Member for a number of years and when I retired I contacted Charleene immediately with two questions. First, “As a retiree can I still support CPOF?” and, second, “How can I become an official CPOF Rep here in Alaska?” I didn’t have to wait long on either question. Since I was “ a bank draft member,” that would continue regardless of my retirement; and since Char did not want to move to Alaska I officially became the “Go-To Man” here in the 49th state.

Assisting Correctional Officer II Robert Joseph, also of Cook Inlet Pretrial, and C/O II Charles McElwee of Palmer CC (both in Wasilla) was awesome. Although things can be challenging at times (weather) it’s rewarding to let all Alaskan C/O’s know that someone they don’t even know cares for them. Again, the rapid response from the main office amazes everyone, thanks, gang!

# Oklahoma

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## To the CPO Foundation,

I would like to say thank you to all of James' fellow Officers for all the cards, donations and prayers. We miss James more than words can express, and not a day goes by that we don't think of him and the joy he brought into our lives.

James was loved by many and it brings me comfort to know that he was so fondly thought of by his co-workers. Thank you so much for keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers during this tragic time in our lives.

May God bless each one of you.

Sincerely,

Krysty Keesee and Family, Lindsay, OK

*Sergeant James Keesee of Joseph Harp Correctional Center in Lexington, Oklahoma was killed in a head-on auto accident on December 9, 2010. He left behind Krysty and five children, as well as his mother and stepfather, both of whom work for the Oklahoma DOC.*

*We also heard from Sergeant Keesee's Warden:*

## Dear Ms. Stevens.

**I personally want to thank you and the CPO Foundation for all the support you have shown to the Joseph Harp Correctional Center in our time of need. The loss of a staff member is felt throughout the facility, but knowing that your Foundation is there for the family helps us to cope with the situation. Again, thank you for the assistance and compassion that has been shown to us.**

Sincerely,

**Mike Addison, Warden, Joseph Harp CC**



Loren (left) and Blake (right) Tosh are the sons of Sgt. Noah Tosh of John Lilley CC. We assisted the Tosh family after Sgt. Tosh



passed away in January 2008. Connie Tosh, Noah's widow, sent us these photos with a note of thanks for Christmas gifts we sent to the boys in December 2008.

## Dear CPOF Friends,

My wife and I would like to express our deep appreciation for the generous support the CPOF has provided me. It would have been very difficult for us to make it through this past year without your thoughtfulness.

The CPOF donation helped so much with co-payments and additional expenses, allowing me to spend my time recovering from my illness rather than worrying about bills and finances. I appreciate my Corrections and state employee family so much. They have been there for me in my time of need.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

James Kroth, Guthrie, OK

*Sergeant Kroth, a Supporting Member at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He has been undergoing regular tests and treatments and doing his best to cope with and recover from his illness. Richard Loud, our Representative for Oklahoma, keeps in touch with Sgt. Kroth and keeps us updated on how he is doing. We appreciate Sgt. Kroth's letter very much and are keeping him in our thoughts.*

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## Dear Ms. Stevens,

I would like to say thank you for the support you have given Corporal Christian Santiago and his family. He is a good Officer and very appreciative of this support. Richard Loud was here last month and toured the centers in my district with my supervisor. We had quite a few employees join your organization because they were aware of the help you gave this employee.

I just wanted to let you know that what you guys do is appreciated and that the support couldn't have gone to a nicer family in a critical time of need. If we can do anything to assist you please let me know.

Sincerely,

Brian Thornburgh, District Supervisor

Southwest District Community Corrections

*Corporal Christian Santiago's wife was seven months pregnant when she suffered severe complications and had to be flown to OU Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City on December 20, 2010. The new baby girl was delivered two days later and spent almost two months in NICU. On January 24, 2011 Corporal Santiago and their older child were in an auto accident that totaled the car. Also, the family used up their 30 days at the Ronald McDonald house where they were staying and had to move out for 48 hours before they could reapply for a room. Finally, on February 22, Richard Loud and Dan Reynolds were able to meet with the Santiago family **all together at their home.***

# Colorado

## Dear Shanna and CPOF,

I can't thank you enough for the kind thoughts and financial support you sent during the recent loss of my husband, Dan Henderson. I know Danny always believed in the CPOF and had told me what great things you do for people. I can attest to that, and you don't know how much this means to me.

Sincerely,

Marianne Henderson, Florence, CO

*Marianne is the widow of Supervisor Daniel Henderson, formerly of Fremont Correctional Facility in Cañon City, Colorado, who passed away from a heart attack in October 2010.*



**Joshua on his 18th birthday.**

## Dear Shanna,

I would like to thank you and the CPO Foundation, along with Mr. Larry Reid, Ms. Kay D'Christina and Mr. Leonard Vigil, for the monetary donation. I would also like to extend my thanks and great appreciation to the Colorado DOC family and Honor Guard for their kindness, support, thoughts and prayers for my family and me.

I found out while sharing fun and loving memories of my son with my three other children, Chantelle (21), Michael (9) and Rachelle (6), that Joshua had taught them the importance of helping others as well as showing love and kindness toward one another. Joshua's philosophy will forever be a reminder to the children and myself of how important it is to display these characteristics, especially in situations that don't always make sense to us. Although I will never understand why Joshua's life was so

wrongfully taken from us, I do know that God had a perfect plan for him and that with time comes acceptance. I find that the temporary void in my life is beginning to be filled with sweet memories of Joshua, my loving son and his siblings' brother.

This is a comforting story that I share quite often. One day my youngest daughter Rachelle saw me crying. She came over to me and said, "Mom, why do you cry? You know Josh is in heaven with God, and when it is your turn, you will be with your son again!" It was then that I realized how truly blessed I am in many ways and that Joshua was indeed my greatest blessing. He will always be remembered for the loving, caring and humorous "big kid" he was, with a heart of gold and a smile that would brighten your day. He is sadly missed by his family and friends, who love him dearly! Again, thank you and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Michelle Abeyta and Family, Pueblo, CO

***Michelle is a Correctional Officer I at La Vista Correctional Facility in Pueblo. Her eldest son Joshua (18) was killed in a shooting accident on July 7, 2010. Our condolences continue for Officer Abeyta and Joshua's brother and sisters; and we thank Michelle very much for sending these photos.***



**The Abeyta family: Joshua, Chantelle, Rachelle, Michelle and Michael.**

Correctional Officer II Jon Gallegos is a Supporting Member at Centennial Correctional Facility in Cañon City. He lost his then-16-year-old daughter Abelina in a car accident in late July 2010. Then, in February 2011 two of his sons were in a school bus accident, one of whom was badly injured. Officer Gallegos is pictured here (on the left) receiving a CPO Foundation assistance check from Major Mike

Fowler.



# Rhode Island

## To the CPOF,

My family and I would like to thank the CPO Foundation for your assistance. This has helped us out because of the wages I have lost due to my wife's illness. In August 2010 my wife Michelle was diagnosed with breast cancer. So far it's been a rough road, and we still have a long road ahead of us. Michelle (pictured below left during a chemotherapy treatment) is scheduled to have surgery in April 2011 and a long recovery after that.

I would also like to thank Correctional Officer Nelson Bolano and his family for all their help and support during our difficult time.

Patrick Curry, Pawtucket, RI



*Correctional Officer Patrick Curry works at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections in Cranston, Rhode Island. He sent us the poignant photo at left of Michelle undergoing chemotherapy, and (above) one of the Curry family outside their home decorated for Christmas 2010. In this photo are: Michelle; Patrick; Destinee Curry; Zachary Curry-Gagnon; Amanda Curry; and Amanda's boyfriend, Andrew Perry.*

*We wish Michelle all the best with her surgery and treatment, and hope she has a successful recovery.*

*from Manny Leander, CPO Foundation Rhode Island Representative*

As Rhode Island gets ready to start our State Employees Charitable Appeal (SECA) drive, this is an excellent opportunity to say a few words about the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation. Each year Richard Loud and someone from the Sacramento main office comes to Rhode Island to make presentations at each of our prisons. We appreciate CPOF and although we are a small prison state we certainly have our share of catastrophic situations.

Over the years the CPO Foundation has been there and assisted many of our Correctional Officers in a time of need. Our continued prayers are there for the families of C/O John Gorman, who passed away in 2010, and C/O Steven Johansen who passed away in 2009. CPOF also assisted Staff with the March 2010 floods and of course we all remember the terrible house fire in which Warden Weeden and Donald Lackey lost a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and several other family members. Our thoughts and prayers continue for them and their families as well.

CPO Foundation's active presence is ongoing, assisting Rhode Island Correctional Officers with cancer, vehicle accidents, the passing of a spouse and, sadly, sometimes the passing of a child or children. And because our profession is a dangerous one, CPOF is there if one of our Correctional Officers is assaulted while performing his or her duties.

I cannot say enough good things about the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. I email Shanna and Char often at the Sacramento office, and get quick responses.

Again, the SECA drive is rapidly approaching and I am encouraging you ALL to contribute to the CPO Foundation because I know, first hand, they definitely "Take Care of Our Own."

In closing, CPOF: **Thanks** for all you do.

# MONTANA



## Dear Shanna,

We don't have the words to say how much you and the CPO Foundation have helped us during this tragic time in our lives. Your gift and support will sustain our healing family.

With many thanks,

John, Terri and Jakob Rozan, Butte, MT

*Correctional Officer John Rozan is a Supporting Member at Montana State Prison. The Rozans' oldest son Derek was killed in an auto accident on September 27, 2010. Our condolences continue for the Rozan family, and we thank them for sending us this picture of Derek from the funeral program.*

## To the CPO Foundation,

Thank you so much for thinking of us at this time. It has been hard, but you have helped a lot.

Georgia Masters Stigen and Family, Deer Lodge, MT

*Mrs. Stigen is the widow of Correctional Officer Kevin Stigen of Montana State Prison. In mid December 2010 Officer Stigen had a fatal heart attack while on duty. Mrs. Stigen received bereavement assistance at the recommendation of our Montana Representative Lisa Hunter. Below, a personal note from Lisa:*

### **NOTE from Lisa Hunter:**

I wanted to write a few thoughts and let ALL know in the State of Montana what a wonderful charity we have to support our staff.

I met Charleene Corby and Joe Vega at the CPO Foundation's Annual Memorial Services (Project 2000). I was so thrilled when they both came to the Montana Correctional Conference last summer in Fairmont (and when Char remarked, "You definitely do have wide open spaces," I smiled). At this conference Joe and Char met many of our Department of Corrections employees. When Char spoke from the heart she touched many of our hearts. She met Sergeant James Wilson, who was one of the 26 involved in the bus accident that killed Sonja Ryan from Montana State Prison in November of 2007. Both Sergeant Wilson and Deputy Warden Bob Paul from Montana Women's Prison, Rae Forseth and myself, will be attending **Project 2000 XXII** this June in San Antonio, Texas. Rae and I look forward to introducing Sergeant Wilson and Deputy Warden Paul to the CPO Foundation family and providing an inside look at the bigger picture of what CPO Foundation offers to Correctional employees and families.

Rae and I have called the CPOF headquarters in Sacramento, California many times on behalf of Correctional Officers and Correctional Personnel needing catastrophic assistance. What an awesome feeling knowing that with "only" a phone call one can receive such an important financial gift when needed, and I mean ASAP!

I would like to now direct my comments to all in Montana DOC that contribute to the CPO Foundation. Once you read this issue please share it with a co-worker and ask them if they are currently a member. I don't expect you to "give" them this magazine -- I keep all of my *CPO Family* magazines and share them with others. The minimum contribution is ONLY \$5.00 a month and we can all, even in this economy, afford to donate \$5.00 a month to help a fellow Correctional employee in need. Think about this. How often do you drink a bottle of soda or water in a month? All you need to do is stop drinking four bottles of soda or water a month and put that money towards your CPOF membership. You can contact either Rae or myself (we both have CPOF applications available) or you can go to the CPOF website - [cpof.org](http://cpof.org) -- and download a Montana Supporting Membership application. Montana DOC is able to offer an automatic payroll deduction, too. Your CPOF membership contribution is also tax deductible.

We are all still very sad for Mrs. Stigen. I personally called in on this loss and was pleased and sad at the same time to present her a check. Our continued prayers are there for the Rozan family -- we are never prepared for the loss of a child -- Sergeant Young's family and all of our Montana Correctional employees. Thank you, CPOF, for being there for us "in a time of sorrow and need."



# ARIZONA

by CHAR

In 1997 we lost four Correctional Officers *stabbed* and murdered in the line of duty: Corporal Wayne Martinez of Wyoming State Penitentiary on June 26, Federal Correctional Officer Scott Williams of USP Lompoc on April 3, Senior Corrections Officer Fred Baker of Bayside State Prison in New Jersey on July 30, and C/O Brent Lumley of ASPC-Perryville, Arizona on March 7.

Sadly, many times it takes a savage line-of-duty death in a State for the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation to become better known and a widely-recognized presence, even when we may have actively assisted in a death or catastrophic situation in that State in the past. Such was the case for us in Arizona with the murder of Officer Lumley. We had in fact first introduced ourselves in Arizona as long ago as 1991 when in June of that year Correctional Officer Sandra Bachman of ASPC-Perryville perished while supervising a crew of 17 inmates fighting what was called the Dude Fire. Officer Bachman and five of the inmate crew died. The CPO Foundation donated funds for a memorial bronze bust of Officer Bachman that was unveiled at a November 15, 1991 ceremony at ASPC-Perryville. Among others attending that ceremony were CPO Foundation Chairman Glenn Mueller and Volunteer Representative Barbara Burchfield.

We invited C/O Brent Lumley's family to **Project 2000 IX** in June 1998 in San Antonio, Texas. Since the murder of C/O Lumley I myself have been to Arizona several times, visiting prisons, sharing the goals of the CPO Foundation and discussing our Catastrophic Assistance Program. Lately, Richard Loud and Joe Vega have been the CPOF's "ambassadors" in Arizona.

One of our Arizona Representatives is Liz Shaffer-Smith, a Correctional Officer at ASPC-Lewis. When Liz called and talked to me about a particularly catastrophic situation, that of Lieutenant Luis Matos of ASPC-Lewis,



I just cried. In late January of this year, Lt. Matos lost *five* family members in El Paso, Texas as a result of a devastating house fire.

Lt. Matos was off work for several weeks while he was in El Paso, first to be at his father's side until Luis Matos Sr. succumbed to his burn injuries on February 11, and then to help other family members and plan funeral services. The CPO Foundation never expects a "reward" but we felt that we had received a very special one when Lt. Matos sent CPOF this beautiful plaque (*photo in left column: Char and CPOF Volunteer Joe Vega*). We were very, very touched.

Liz has also called about and personally delivered assistance checks to other Arizona C/O's and their families needing a "hand up," as has Richard Loud.

One truly tragic situation occurred last August when *three* Detention Officers with Arizona's Yavapai County Sheriffs Office were driving to work together and killed in a head-on collision. The Officers were Brian Callaghan (top right), John Schultz (center right) and José Presas (bottom right). This heart-breaking accident was reported by Becky Payne, RN, CCHP\* and we immediately arranged for assistance checks to be sent to RN Payne to give to all three of the Officers' families to help with funeral costs. What a terrible blow to that Sheriffs Office! As Mrs. Callaghan (Katie) said in her thank-you note, "I know the Yavapai County Sheriff Detention Officers were also left with three huge holes in their force. However, your generous gift also helped them in knowing that the widows and families were being taken care of." We certainly thank Katie Callaghan for that comment, as taking care of the Families is what we are all about.

Your contact in the CPO Foundation Sacramento office to report a catastrophic situation is Shanna Bredeson. Her email is [Shanna@cpof.org](mailto:Shanna@cpof.org). Meanwhile, to all current Supporting Members in Arizona, I thank you very much. And, if you are not yet part of the CPO Foundation Correctional "Family," please visit our website -- [cpof.org](http://cpof.org) -- click on "Membership" and find out how easy it is to download a membership application to support us via bank draft donation. CPOF membership means that YOU are helping your fellow Corrections Professionals in their times of need.

*\*RN Becky Payne is Health Care Unit Administrator of Wexford Health Services serving Yavapai County Detention Centers*



# Washington

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## Dear Ms. Bredeson:

I received a copy of your letter to Officer Robert Wills' wife, Don-A, and want to express my appreciation for what your Foundation is doing for his family.

The CPO Foundation continues to provide support to the staff of the Washington Department of Corrections, and your efforts do not always receive proper recognition. On behalf of the staff at Monroe Correctional Complex, thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Frakes, Superintendent, Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe, WA

*Correctional Officer Robert Wills of MCC died in October 2010 after suffering a tear in his aorta.*

*We thank Superintendent Frakes very much for his kind words of appreciation for our efforts.*

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Right: McNeil Island Correction Center Superintendent Scott Russell (right) presented a CPO Foundation assistance check to Counselor Larry Cook whose wife Mary passed away from cancer on January 2, 2011.



*from Captain Lori Telleria, CPOF Volunteer at Coyote Ridge Correctional Center:*



Officer Timothy R. Meade joined the Coyote Ridge Correctional Center family in the early years, 1993. A gentle giant of a man, Tim's imposing figure was intimidating at first, but once you started talking with him, you quickly understood that beneath that size was a kind and patient man.

Tim has been an excellent employee for the Washington DOC all this time and a cornerstone employee of this facility. Tim belongs to a personal Correctional family too, as his wife Cynthia and son Tim A. both currently serve at CRCC as well.

In October of 2010, Tim had gone to the doctor on some health issues and during a procedure at the hospital suffered a stroke. Tim has been going through extensive therapy since that time and not able to work.

On March 4, 2011, it was our pleasure to present Cynthia with a check to assist the Meades with their growing medical bills. They are very grateful to their co-workers, their family and friends and the good people at the CPOF. Thank you again, CPOF!

Pictured above left are Supt. Jeff Uttecht, Cynthia Meade, and Cynthia's supervisor, Sgt. Randy Smith. --

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## Shanna:

Correctional Officer David Cotton, a Supporting Member at Washington State Penitentiary, is **one of only 40 people in the world** who is alive because of a mechanical heart implant. He wants everyone at the CPOF to know just how much the donation means to him and his wife Anita. Anita recently lost a foot due to a bone infection. With David and Anita in this photo is WSP Superintendent Steve Sinclair.

Mark Kucza, Associate Superintendent

Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, WA



# More Letters and Photos

## Mississippi

Dear CPO Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for your assistance during the loss of my daughter, Mikeya Blanton. The kindness and generosity that you showed my family will never be forgotten.

Losing a child is probably the worst tragedy a parent can experience and I truly am glad to know that you share my loss and feel my pain. When I joined this organization I did so because I was impressed by the works that you perform. It makes me proud to say that I am a member of such an organization.

Our road to recovery is still long but is such a blessing to know that my family does not have to travel it alone. My CPO "Family" is there with me every step of the way.

I am enclosing a photo of my family with this letter. Again, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done.



Sincerely,

Ms. Sarrah Pittman, Webb, MS

*Correctional Supervisor Sarrah Pittman is a Supporting Member at Mississippi State Penitentiary. Her 21-year-old daughter Mikeya was killed in an auto accident on September 26, 2010, just two days after her birthday. Mikeya left behind a young son, Jabari, for whom Sarrah now has custody. In the photo at left, Sarrah has just been given a CPO Foundation assistance check by Ora Starks, Operations Management Analyst Principal and a CPOF Representative at MSP. (Ora is also a member of the CPOF National Honor Guard.) In the family photo above right are (standing, left to right) Angelo, 11; Mikeya; Kimeya, 15; Keaundra, 17; and Ja'quayla, 7. Sarrah is in the middle holding Jabari, 4.*



## Nevada

Warden Robert LeGrand of Lovelock Correctional Center presented a CPO Foundation assistance check to Sr. Correctional Officer Ray East to help with funeral expenses for Officer East's son Michael. Michael had been shot while serving in Afghanistan and was sent back to the Naval base in San Diego, California to recover. He was released and was driving home to Sanger, California when he was in a fatal car accident. CPOF Volunteer Tamara Bartel (at right) recommended Officer East for help after this family tragedy.



### To the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation:

I would like to thank you for your support of our family after the unexpected passing of C/O Patricia Snider. Patricia had a massive stroke on November 11, 2010. The outpouring of support from Warden Sheryl Foster and the Staff of the Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center has been overwhelming. My wife truly did love her job. It was the first time in our 30 years of marriage that she looked forward to going to work. Once again, I would like to thank all of the Corrections Officers that have sent us their thoughts and prayers. Patricia is survived by her son Bryan, daughter Amanda and myself, her husband Robert.

Robert Snider, Las Vegas, NV

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## More Letters and Photos

*Officer Patricia Snider was a Supporting Member. We assisted her family with funeral expenses at the request of FMWCC Warden Sheryl Foster. Our condolences continue for the Sniders and Patricia's co-workers on the sudden loss of this fine Officer.*



### Oregon



**Dear Shanna Bredeson,**

My name is Annette Houston and I am a Corporal at Two Rivers Correctional Facility in Oregon. On behalf of my family and myself, I am very grateful for the assistance from the CPO Foundation. It was a very good blessing and a great gift that I know I can never repay, but I can say thank you so very much for being there for us in our time of need. I would also like to give a special thank you to Michael Seefeldt, CPOF Volunteer in Oregon. I am thankful that I work with such great people like you, Michael, who go out of their way to make sure their fellow Officers are taken care of in their time of need. Whether it's an on the job injury or a house fire, I'm glad that I have an extended "family" that cares. Thanks to Shanna for getting my paperwork processed so quickly, and thanks to all the CPO Foundation family. May God bless you all.

Annette Houston, Hermiston, OR

*Corporal Houston badly injured her arm during a cell extraction. She had to have surgery and was off work for several weeks. In the photo at left, she is receiving her CPOF assistance check from Michael Seefeldt.*

### Virginia

Right: Correctional Officer Robert Baxley of Bland Correctional Center lost everything in a house fire in December 2010. He is pictured here receiving a CPO Foundation check from Bland C.C. Warden Larry Jarvis.



**To the CPO Foundation,**

Recently I was informed that the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation has acknowledged the recent passing of my husband, Marvin Lee, Sr. and that your organization has blessed our family with a financial contribution. My husband was a dedicated employee with the Virginia Department of Corrections for 19 years. He had moved up through the ranks to Major (Chief of Security) and the week prior to his death the announcement came that he had earned the highest-ranking security position with the VA DOC that is Lieutenant Colonel.



I am very proud to be his wife. He leaves behind four amazing children ages 12 years to 19 months old.

I want to thank the CPO Foundation not only for the monetary gift but also for recognizing his services in law enforcement. A specific thank you goes out to Chief Warden David Everett of Sussex II State Prison for his support and initiative regarding the acknowledgement.

Marvin Lee, Sr. believed in the importance of strong security practices to ensure that society, staff and offenders remained safe at all times. He will also be remembered as an amazing leader with integrity, honor and humility.

Again, thank you for your acknowledgement and blessing.

Jessica Lee and Family, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

*Lt. Col. Marvin Lee, Sr. of Sussex II State Prison died suddenly of a heart attack on January 23, 2011. In the photo at left, his widow Jessica receives her CPO Foundation assistance check from Chief Warden David Everett.*

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It is our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we regularly include a few in our publications to meet this need.

The CPO Foundation has begun producing State-specific Newsletters for our Representatives to use in their respective States and Regions. These Newsletters are intended to convey the CPO Foundation's message in a particularly personal way to the targeted audience of Corrections Professionals in a certain State or area of the country.

The *CPO Family* magazine is now being published twice a year. The first issue will appear in the spring and the second -- the "Project" issue -- will appear in autumn. The CPO Foundation Correctional Calendar, a separate publication, will continue to be bundled with the autumn "Project" issue for mailing purposes.

Be sure to visit our website -- [cpof.org](http://cpof.org) -- for news, forms, photos and updates. Thanks to ALL for your support!

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**Attica Correctional Facility was the first New York State Correctional institution to become a Lifetime Facility Sponsor. In the picture with CPO Foundation CEO Charleene Corby are (left to right): C/O Richard Harcrow, Retired Correctional Sergeant Dave Wedzina, C/O Jim Griffin (holding the Plaque) and, on Char's left, Retired Superintendent James Conway. The CPOF Gold Jacket and Plaque are proudly displayed at Attica. Our heartfelt CPOF thanks and appreciation go to Attica and Livingston Correctional Facilities (see below) for becoming members of this elite group.**

**LIVINGSTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
IS THE SECOND NYS INSTITUTION TO  
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OF THE CPO FOUNDATION!**

Mr. Paul Youmans, a Corrections Officer at Livingston Correctional Facility in Sonyea, NY, and the NY-SCOPBA Chief Sector Steward in the area, contacted the CPO Foundation about how Livingston CF could become a Lifetime Facility Sponsor. Armed with the necessary information and after completing the (very brief!) official form, CSS Youmans sent in the \$5,000 required for a Lifetime Facility Sponsorship and thus gave Livingston CF the distinction of being the second institution in New York State to become a Lifetime Facility Sponsor.

To express the appreciation of the CPO Foundation Board of Directors and all Supporting Members, Livingston CF will receive a special Plaque and one of the CPO Foundation's unique Gold Jackets to display as desired at the facility. *(See Attica photo above.)*

We thank everyone at Livingston Correctional Facility for this generous support!

To find out how your facility can become a Lifetime Facility Sponsor, email [pat@cpof.org](mailto:pat@cpof.org).

***On behalf of the CPO FOUNDATION Board of Directors and myself, I would like to give special thanks and appreciation to ALL the TEXAS Units that have become Lifetime Facility Sponsors of the CPO Foundation.***

***I still remember the day years ago that Texas Representative Debbie Herklotz called me and said, "Char, I have a Texas Unit that wants to contribute \$5,000 to CPOF [and thereby be a Lifetime Sponsor]. Is that a possibility?" I paused for a few moments and then answered, "Of course!" Thus, the start of Jails, Prisons and other Correctional facilities nationally becoming Lifetime Sponsors. Two recent Jails to achieve this status are Attica and Livingston facilities in New York State, as featured on this page.***

***Special thanks go to the Ellis Unit and Warden Bruce Thayler (now retired) for jump-starting our Lifetime Facility Sponsorships. A special note about Warden Thayler: he was involved in the Carraso 11-day siege in 1974. We hope to have him and Mr. Jim Estelle, who at that time was TDC Director, at Project this June 2011 in San Antonio. -- Char***



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*I saved a little of “the best” for last. Lance loved and appreciated the New York City Department of Correction Pipe Band (eight of whom are pictured here with Lance at Project 2000 XX in Colorado Springs in 2009.) Over ten years ago Lance called me and said “Char, can we borrow ‘your’ Pipe Band?” Since they are not really “mine” I said, “Of course!” Thus started the Pipers’ friendship with Lance. They often played at the CCPOA conventions, and when Patti Padmore (former Chapter President of O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility in Northern California) took ill, Lance called the Pipers again to play at that year’s CCPOA 50th Anniversary Con-*



*vention. The Pipers also played right outside Patti’s window at the hospital where, sadly, she succumbed to cancer.*

*I would be remiss if I did not mention Lance’s dear friend Sundi who was constantly at his side during his last hospital stay. She welcomed all his visitors warmly.*

*Lance’s family were very moved when several of the Pipers were able to come to California and play “Amazing Grace” for Lance one final time. Lance, Rest in Peace knowing the New York City Pipe Band will keep playing your songs.*

*-- Char*