

MOUNTAIN VIEW PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

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Mountain View Public Safety Foundation (MVPSF) is a small nonprofit with volunteers and a staff of one. We have developed a special COVID-19 response program through one of our programs, Cops & Gobblers by donating (\$50) Safeway gift cards for families in need.

MVPSF DESCRIPTION

The Mountain View Public Safety Foundation (MVPSF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation formed by local business leaders and community members to support public safety, PAL (Police Activities League) and various community programs. Our mission is to support public safety and make our communities better, safer places in which to work and live. We accomplish this by building partnerships across community and government organizations.

COPS & GOBBLERS COVID RELIEF PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As our community responds to COVID-19, MVPSF remains committed to supporting our public safety and our community. As the economic impact continues, low income community members will experience significant challenges. During the COVID response, MVPSF has provided programs to support our community.

With the help of generous donations and partnerships with Safeway and Nourishing Neighbors, our Cops & Gobblers program, has provided a total of \$50,000 in \$50 Safeway gift cards helping over 1,000 families that are struggling during the ongoing pandemic. We have partnered with local organizations; Community Service Agency (CSA) MV High school and Mountain View Police Department (MVPD) Community Neighborhood Outreach unit, Sgt. Magee. CSA distributed the gift cards to their clients in need and Sgt. Magee distributed the gift cards directly, in person to families and individuals that reside in vehicles and RV's in Mountain View.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, we have completed three rounds of Safeway gift card distributions. On April 7th, we delivered 400 gift cards to CSA and 200 gift cards to MVPD, Neighborhood Outreach Team Sgt. Magee. On April 29th we delivered 200 gift cards to MVPD, Sgt. Magee and 25 to Mountain View High school. MV high school staff had located student families in need of grocery cards and requested 25.

We distributed another round of 225 gift cards on May 28th to MVPD. We have used all of our financial reserves to meet this immediate need of groceries in our local area.

The MVPD Community Neighborhood Outreach unit identified 250 low income families and individuals that currently reside in RV's and vehicles in Mountain View that will directly benefit from grocery gift cards and use it for their grocery and basic needs.

During this national time of sensitivity and challenges towards law enforcement, this program specifically has built a bridge of trust, fostered mutual respect and generated positive relationships between uniformed officers and our community members.

Here is a brief statement from MVPD's Sgt. Magee, who dropped off a Safeway gift card to one of the MV residents a couple weeks ago:

"Meet Joe... He has been in MV for about 3 years. Joe is a really really great guy. His wife has been battling cancer and this help really meant a lot. She was inside, too weak to come out. We thank you for the support. Joe was fighting back tears. We can't say it enough."

- MVPD Sgt. Magee

Here is another direct testimony from MVPD's Community Outreach Unit Sgt. Magee on

April 13th who wanted to share his story privately (*not to be published on news or social media etc*) to us regarding handing out the cards:



"Again, thank you so much for the support! I feel like I have been running at 110% for the last two weeks, but it really felt like it paid off during our outreach efforts this past Saturday. To say that people were appreciative would be an understatement.

We have numerous contacts with this population and they routinely have us drop off hygiene kits and flyers, but the combination that included face masks and gift cards, it was clearly a life changing moment (even if it is a short term one) for many who are struggling.

We met numerous parents who became choked up when they saw the Safeway gift card and one mother who completely lost it and broke down in tears. To be honest, I got really choked up with the mother who broke down. The daughter was next to her and before I handed her two gift cards, she was trying to tell me she was doing okay. Mind you she explained that her and her husband lost their jobs last week. I could tell she was being strong, but as soon as I handed her the gift cards she fell apart in joy and I am sure a lot of relief that there would be food available. As you that are parents would know, your kids are your world, and I could tell those gift cards brought so much relief to that mom.

We all (You three, the MVFSF, NES, CSA, and Church groups who made the hygiene kits) made a tremendous impact on Saturday. I am very proud to have been part of it and to have partners like you to make it happen.

*Amber and Bruce know me well enough to know that **I am not a softy**....but I have to tell you that it really hit home to help those people this past Saturday. Be safe and thank you so much, again."*

– MVPD Sgt. Magee

This program is so important for our community. It sets the bar in community policing, servant leadership, giving back, and caring for our community in action. Now more than ever, we need to continue this program. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Thank you,



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