

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOUNDATION

July 21, 2023

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Gershen
2929 Rice Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77005

Dear Sam and Barney,

On behalf of the many dedicated law enforcement professionals at the HCSO and the HCSO Foundation Board of Directors, we "Thank You" for your continuing support of our mission and for your life-long commitment towards fostering important safety initiatives within our community.

The current environment for our law enforcement professionals remains ever increasingly dangerous. To date in 2023, the current nationwide statistics reveal the continuing threat of serious personal injury and death that our law enforcement officers face each day while in the line of duty.

From January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023, nationwide data indicates that:

**194 OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY
25 OFFICERS WERE KILLED BY GUNFIRE
66 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SHOT IN 57 SEPARATE AMBUSH STYLE ATTACKS**

These numbers indicate a 30% nationwide increase from this same time period in 2023.

It is with sincere appreciation that we thank you for the most generous donation of \$50,000 received from your Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund. At your request, these funds will serve to provide additional financial resources to fund additional ballistic windshield upgrades in support of the recently launched HCSO Ballistic Windshield Pilot Program. This initiative, first announced in June 2023, seeks to provide our patrol deputies with additional protection from physical harm in the event of a situation involving life threatening interactions and live gun fire incidents with criminals who pose a threat to our community.

By working together, we can effectuate increased support for our law enforcement professionals who serve to protect those who live and work within the Greater Houston region.

Thank you for leading by way of example to address this immediate safety concern for the HCSO deputies.

Respectfully,


Franco Valobra
Founding Member and Chairman of the Board

YOU ARE THE BEST!


Katrina Arnim
Executive Director

Thank you!!

Charitable donations received by the HCSO Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, are utilized to further the foundation's commitment in support of its mission to "assist and support the men and women of the Harris County Sheriff's Office in carrying out their law enforcement mandates in the safest and most efficient manner".