FRIENDS OF THE CALAVERAS SHERIFF'S OFFICE (FOCSO)

COLD CASE TASK FORCE

FUNDRAISER DONATION RECEIPT

Friends of the Calaveras Sheriff's Office is hosting a fundraiser for the Cold Case Task Force with the intent to fund costly forensic DNA analysis for unidentified human remains within Calaveras County.

We believe every victim of a violent crime or tragedy deserves to have a voice and have their case investigated. Unfortunately, the technology necessary for successfully identifying unidentified human remains is often unavailable through government channels, and private laboratories are needed. DNA analysis for old or badly damaged remains requires special preparation, equipment and personnel specifically designed to retrieve very small amounts of poorly preserved DNA. Services obtained from certified private laboratories with these capabilities may exceed 10k per sample, and the financial resources for these expenses do not currently exist within the Sheriff's Office.

The Cold Case Task Force has undertaken the enormous task of identifying a vast quantity of human remains. The majority of these remains were discovered in the 1980s and resulted from a series of murders committed by two people. A foremost goal of the Cold Case Team is to utilize modern DNA extraction methods and Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy techniques to find the identity of these individuals.

Once the remains are identified, the team will return these missing loved ones to their families. The families of these individuals may have gone decades with no idea what happened to their family member and no closure to terrible tragedies.

Your generous donation will help identify missing and unidentified persons and give a voice to the unknown victims. These victims include men, women and children who deserve to be laid to rest with dignity, peace, and knowledge of their families.

Please fill out the form below for your tax-deductible donation.

Thank you!

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