



OFFICER-INITIATED SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

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Police Officers, with the help from Angels on Patrol, bestowed a Christmas Miracle (Phoenix, AZ)

Angels on Patrol (AoP), along with Phoenix Police Officers and other community members, will be delivering Christmas gifts to a family in need. What makes this special, is that the family of four was homeless up until a week ago. The family was first introduced to Phoenix Police Sgt. Laaker during his initiated Thanksgiving Food drive in November. The family shared how special the meal was to them, especially since they've been struggling and have been homeless since July. Sgt. Laaker took immediate action and with the help from Angels on Patrol, worked on stabilizing the family in crisis.

Angels on Patrol's amazing supporters and monthly donors stepped up and assisted the family by paying for the move-in costs to an apartment. They also purchased air mattresses, pots and pans and linens. The items were crucial as the family owned nothing but clothing. This act is a Christmas Miracle, as securing an apartment is extremely difficult due to the current economy and the local housing market. Others learned of the family's situation and stepped up to adopt the family for Christmas.

On Wednesday, December 21st at 3pm, the family will be further blessed as community angels deliver Christmas presents to them. All this would not have been possible if it were not for Sgt. Laaker.

About Angels on Patrol

Angels on Patrol (AoP) is one of over 21,000 non-profit organizations based in Arizona. Founded in 2009, by now retired Phoenix Police Lt. Jacqui MacConnell, to be a direct resource for on-duty police officers. As an officer, Lt. MacConnell understood the barriers officers face while working to stabilize those they encounter.

Officer's reach into their own pocket as they personally assist victims of crime and of domestic violence, families in crisis, and youth from at-risk communities. The unique service Angels on Patrol provides is not only critical for the community's most vulnerable, but also for law enforcement officers. AoP offers officers an immediate solution, providing them an opportunity to help above and beyond their official capacity.

What differentiates Angels on Patrol from the rest? AoP is the only non-profit organization serving the community through direct vetted requests from on-duty law enforcement officers. From 2019 through November of 2022, Angels on Patrol has received 1,154 requests from officers across 13 local police departments. Those requests have allowed AoP to serve 6,214 individuals during that time period.

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