The Tucson Police Officers Association Charitable Foundation is a Nationally recognized 501(c)3 by the IRS. Any donation is tax deductible.



Every year, Tucson Police Officers Association takes up to 300 underprivileged children to shop for the toys and clothing they want and need! Tucson Police Officers refer children that they meet during 9-1-1 calls for service. We also work with Head Start and the Tucson Urban League for referrals. Children are paired up with a uniform officer and are given \$100 each to shop. Not only do these kids have a great time interacting with our officers, they get to meet Santa and are treated to yummy snacks. For some of these kids, this may be the first time that they have ever had positive interactions with the police. All of the kids have their pictures taken with their officers and are given that photo as a keepsake.

This event has been happening for almost two decades and has grown tremendously each year. It takes not only officers, but several community volunteers to make this successful. For over the last 5 years, the event been held at the Target at 4040 North Oracle. Target has been a terrific host, and always gives great customer service to the kids. The store always provides the kids with free gifts as well, and has a raffle with great prizes for lucky kids.

After the kids and cops part ways, our officers and community volunteers are treated to a brunch. We encourage the families of our officers to attend both the event as well as the brunch. This is a great time for officers to see friends from the past, as well as spend time with community helpers. We have raffles for everyone, and the winners usually take home some great stuff! Our program would not be successful without the continued support from our officers that volunteer their time.

We accept donations for the Cops and Kids program throughout the year. Anyone or any organization that donates is more than welcome to come to the event and enjoy the smiles of the underprivileged kids as well as the cops. There are always smiles to be had as well as sometime joyful tears. Thank you for considering our organization for a donation.



Please send donations to: www.tpoa.org and look for the TPOA Charitable Donation paypal link. Kids and Cops 2017 is Saturday, December 16th at 8AM at the Target Store located at 4040 N. Oracle. We hope to see you all there!



TPOA Kids and Cops 2017

Date: December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Time: 8 AM – 12 PM Location: Target Store, 4040 N. Oracle Rd Contact: Ysela Welding, 520-307-1668, Ysela.Welding@tucsonaz.gov

Starting at 8 AM, uniformed Police Officers begin shopping with children and their families for necessities and Christmas presents. The children are selected from the Head Start Program and from actual police calls for service. Volunteers are greatly appreciated to help organize the event.