# The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation

### Taking Care of Our Own...

My name is Charleene Corby and I am with the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation. If this is the first time that you are reading and learning about the only national charity for those that work in the Corrections Profession – **WELCOME**.

The CPO Foundation was created in the early 1980s by five Correctional Officers, four of whom worked at Folsom State Prison in California at that time, while the fifth was in the California Youth Authority. These five Correctional Officers had a vision.

In the late 70s and early 80s, 20 Correctional Officers and Staff were killed in the line of duty in California. There was NO ONE and NO ORGANIZATION to help these Officers' families. Many people

in those days did NOT have insurance, including these 20 Fallen Corrections Professionals in California, so that ALL of their widows were left virtually penniless. In 1984, there was nothing we could do for them, but the CPO Foundation's five "founding fathers" wanted to make sure that, from then on, there would be an organization in place to "Take Care of Our

Own." Thus the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation came into being.

Over the years, as more and more States became involved including Georgia our membership grew and we were able to develop a Catastrophic Assistance Program. Information about the Catastrophic Assistance Program is on the following page with the dollar amounts we have assisted at Georgia Facilities in 2009 and 2010. Meanwhile, you are our "eyes and ears" at your Correctional Facility. Be the one to email Christina@cpof.org if one of your co-workers is in a catastrophic situation. Christina will email you an application for assistance. We will need to know the name, rank

(title) and place of employment within the Georgia DOC. This includes Central Office and Paroles. We will request a brief description of the catastrophic event that is taking place in the family.

To become a Supporting Member of the CPO Foundation simply fill out the application in this newsletter or go on line at cpof.org to download an application. Fill it out completely and mail it in. The minimum contribution to become a Supporting Member is only \$5.00 a month. It will be the best \$5.00 you will ever donate, ensuring that when one of your fellow Officers – or perhaps you yourself or an immediate family member -- experiences an emergency or catastrophic situation, help is there from the CPOF Catastrophic Assistance Program.



CPOF National Honor Guard presenting colors at the Project 2000 XXI Memorial Service in Buffalo, New York

PROJECT 2000: Project 2000 is a four-day event for those that work within the Corrections Profession. The seminars included are very educational, the counseling sessions unique, and all are specifically geared to

Corrections. Family members of Fallen Corrections Professionals and "Kids & Teens" are especially treated with great kindness. We had our first several Annual Memorial services in Washington D.C. Now, because of the requests of many we take Project around the United States so Staff like you can attend.

Project in 2011 will be in San Antonio, Texas. I highly encourage you to arrange time off so that you can attend Project 2000 XXII -- a one-of-a-kind event for Correctional Officers and their Families. Information about Project 2000 XX is on line now (cpof.org) and registration will be available after January 2011.

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Foundation defines as catastrophic a situation in which an Officer or a staff member at a Correctional Facility has drained all available resources as a result of a catastrophic illness, injury or event.

Our financial resources within the Catastrophic Assistance Program are limited. Thus, the Catastrophic Assistance Coordinators, as well as contacts at the individual facilities, must verify and explore the extent of financial need. Documents and other information will be required during the verification process.

Our Catastrophic Assistance Program is not intended to supplement an entire paycheck and is set up primarily for the Correctional Officer/staff member and his/her immediate family.

If extensive travel is involved in treatment and/ or therapy in the case of extended illness and/ or injury to an Officer/staff member, their spouse or minor children, consideration may be given to assisting with medical/travel costs for these services.

Bereavement assistance is limited to the Officer/staff member, their spouse or minor children if there is a dire need and no other finances or immediate insurance is available.

The CPO Foundation Board of Directors will strongly consider assisting Corrections Personnel in situations related to natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, etc.

The funds for the Catastrophic Assistance Program come primarily from the voluntary monthly contributions made by Supporting Members of the CPO Foundation. It is through such support that we are able to continue "Taking Care of Our Own."

If you are aware of a co-worker experiencing financial hardship as a result of a recent catastrophic event, please email christina@cpof.org and deaserus@aol.com to make sure your email is, in fact, received. You can also call 800.800.cpof and ask for Christina Lee.

#### Catastrophic Assistance Program -Georgia Department of Corrections 1/1/2009 - 6/30/2010

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Georgia Corrections Academy	\$500	Macon State Prison	\$5,850	
Appling Pre-Release Center	\$350	Mc Ever Probation Detention Center	\$1,250	
Athens/Clark County Prison	\$750	McRae Probation Office	\$350	
Augusta State Medical Prison	\$3,750	Men's State Prison	\$1,100	
Autry State Prison	\$1,650	Metro State Prison	\$5,350	
Bacon Probation Detention Center	\$250	NorthwestResidentialSubstanceAbuseTreatmentCenter \$35		
BainbridgeProbationSubstanceAbuseTreatmentCenter \$500		Paulding Probation Detention Center	\$500	
Baldwin State Prison	\$2,450	Phillips State Prison	\$1,500	
Burrus Correctional Training Center	\$1,015	Pulaski State Prison	\$2,450	
Calhoun State Prison	\$750	Rogers State Prison	\$3,400	
Central Office	\$1,900	Scott State Prison	\$350	
Coastal State Prison	\$3,350	Smith State Prison	\$4,700	
Georgia Diagnostic & Classification State Prison	\$1,600	Telfair State Prison	\$2,700	
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice	\$250	Toombs Probation Circuit	\$500	
Emanuel Transition Center	\$850	Troup County Prison	\$350	
Floyd County Prison	\$500	Treutlen Probation Detention Center	\$750	
Georgia State Prison	<b>\$7,</b> 550	Turner Pre-Release Center	\$500	
Hancock State Prison	\$3,050	Valdosta State Prison	\$2,300	
Hays State Prison	\$3,850	Ware State Prison	\$500	
Jesup Probation Office	\$500	Washington State Prison	\$1,600	
Helm Transitional Center	\$250	West Central Probation Detention Center	\$500	
Johnson State Prison	\$1,500	Wilcox State Prison	\$1,900	
LaGrange Transitional Center	\$700	Women's Probation Detention Center	\$250	
Lee Arrendale State Prison	\$2,750	Whitworth Parole Detention Center	\$1,150	
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Long State Prison	\$500	Grand Total	\$81,115	



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