



SEATTLE POLICE FOUNDATION

Partnership for a Safe Seattle

Happy New Year from the Seattle Police Foundation!



(above) SPD East Precinct Holiday Luncheon - Thank you Tom Douglas and volunteers for showing your appreciation and serving a special holiday meal to those who keep us safe.

Greetings!

As the Seattle Police Department (SPD) starts new leadership under Interim Chief Carmen Best, so will the Seattle Police Foundation (SPF.) We welcome our new President and CEO, Cherie Skager, as I step away for personal reasons.

On a reflection of these past 2 years, we have seen the SPD address immense public safety and community trust challenges. It has been an honor to lead the Seattle Police Foundation (SPF,) alongside a wonderful team of staff and board members as we provided critical support during this difficult time.

I have admired and been inspired daily by the men and women of the SPD. Every day, they have shown dedication and passion to make a positive difference on crime and the well-being of the community they protect. Striving to live up to their tenets of service, pride, and dedication.

The first to deal with danger, almost always the first to offer hope, and always the first to be criticized.

Our work is more important now than ever. With your generous support over the past year, we have provided a little over \$800,000 in grants and program support – ranging from life-saving equipment such as hostage negotiation communication and ballistic shields, to

activities that engage and build trust in the community like Beds for Kids and Detective Cookie's chess club.

Thank you for being a part of the SPF's rich history and accomplishments. May the new year bring you the blessings of peace, joy, and good health. Happy New Year!

With warmest wishes,

Laura McCloud Mathers
President & CEO

*PS If you haven't already, **please consider making a special year-end gift to the Seattle Police Foundation.** Your support makes a difference – keeping our city safe, and for those risking their safety to ensure ours. Today is your last chance to take advantage of a full, tax-deductible contribution in 2017. Visit seattlepolicefoundation.org/donate*