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TIP and OCSD partner for “Cops Care” program to help needy families

SANTA ANA, Ca. (January 16, 2019) –Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) Orange County and the Orange County Sheriff's Department have teamed up for a year-long “Cops Care” program to support families in need throughout the county.

“Cops Care” has earmarked \$35,000 donated to the non-profit TIP Orange County to surprise families or individuals with specific needs precipitated by crisis.

The program is an extension of a longstanding TIP Orange County/OCSD Secret Santa program, in which families in need are provided with cash gifts during the holiday season.

“Thanks to the generosity of our donor, as well as the kindness of deputies who throughout the course of their day witness first-hand the very real struggles many families in Orange County are experiencing, our organization is honored to be able to bring a little cheer to many residents not just during the holidays, but throughout the entire year,” said Cindy Tabor, executive director, Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. Orange County.

The program launched Jan. 9, 2020 with a gift of \$500 and four three-day Disneyland Resort passes to a family in south Orange County who experienced the unexpected loss of a loved one.

Examples of how the \$35,000 will be used throughout 2020 are a bicycle for a child whose bike was stolen, a warm coat for a homeless person, a laptop for a student who can't afford one, or clothing and hygiene essentials for a child abandoned by his or her parents.

“Deputies and TIP volunteers often contact individuals during their worst moments. This program provides an opportunity to positively support those most impacted by crime or trauma,” said Don Barnes, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner. “In both big ways and small, we look forward to partnering with TIP to further help the community we serve.”

TIP Orange County has 120 specially trained volunteers who work at the request of police agencies, fire departments, and hospitals to provide emotional and practical support to people immediately after a tragedy. TIP has 14 affiliates serving more than 250 cities across the nation, and is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2020.