

CHP 11-99 FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



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So
why
do this?



Studies have shown that drivers can experience what's known as the "hangover effect" — a lasting mental distraction that continues up to 27 seconds after a driver has completed such tasks as text messaging, making or receiving phone calls, viewing or posting social media, checking email, and taking photos.*

PUT DOWN YOUR PHONE. LIVES DEPEND ON IT.



Don't drive intoxicated.
Don't drive intexticated.

A sobering message from AAA

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A WORD

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

A message to our members and donors.



Richard Varner
*Chairman, Board of Directors,
CHP 11-99 Foundation*

I think we can all agree that 2020 was a year of uncertainty. As families experienced heartbreaking loss, layoffs, and community unrest, we turned inward, focusing on the health and safety of our loved ones.

Over the past year, we have gained an even greater appreciation for California Highway Patrol employees statewide, as they continued to report for duty day in, day out, to keep our families safe during trying times. Tragically, the CHP lost one of its own in December - Fallen Hero Officer Andy Ornelas. Our 11-99 family mourned his loss and provided immediate assistance to his wife, Taylor, thanks to your support.

With no map to guide us through these uncharted waters, we entered the

summer facing a fundraising deficit. Because of your generosity, not only did we reach our fundraising goal, but we exceeded our initial projections. Much of our success was due to your participation in our Virtual FUNdraiser held in the Fall, whether it was donating an item or placing the winning bid. Thanks to you, we were able to continue providing critical assistance to CHP employees and their children.

We thank the brave CHP for continuing its mission of providing public safety, service, and security at the highest level. Our deepest gratitude to all of you for supporting our CHP families.

In health and safety,

Richard Varner

Stephen Harrington



Stephen Harrington
*Chief Executive Officer,
CHP 11-99 Foundation*

**\$40
MILLION**

**IN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
TO CHP FAMILIES SINCE 1982**



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BRIDGING FAMILIES

The link between our 11-99 family and the CHP family has never been so strong, thanks to these unique 11-99 team members.



MANNY PADILLA

DIRECTOR OF CHP EXTERNAL RELATIONS, CHP 11-99 FOUNDATION CONSULTANT
RETIRED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Manny Padilla first became familiar with the 11-99 Foundation as a young CHP public affairs officer in the Baldwin Park area. His mentor, Captain Dave Helsel, was a close friend of the 11-99 Foundation's founder, Bob

Weinberg. When Manny was introduced to Bob in the early days of his career, he was struck by how Bob treated everyone he met as a friend. Bob would often write personal checks to officers or their families when he would hear of a misfortune or need, especially when the Foundation was first developing. "It has been wonderful to see just how far Bob's vision has reached and how the 11-99 Foundation has grown over the years," says Manny.

After 30 years with the CHP, Manny retired from his position as Deputy Commissioner in 2005 and transitioned into his current role with the 11-99 Foundation in 2013. Manny works in partnership with retired CHP Captain Glen Dominguez, to complete background checks on all 11-99 Foundation membership applicants. He still maintains close ties to the Department, reviewing and coordinating emergency assistance to CHP families with our Departmental Liaison, Chief Omar Watson.

His favorite part about his current role? "I especially enjoy attending the annual scholarship ceremonies and celebrating educational achievements with students and their families. Bob would be so proud to see that over \$2 million is provided annually for scholarships to children of CHP employees."

We thank Manny for his continued dedication to CHP families over the past eight years as a valued member of our team.



TINA MEDEIROS

STEWARDSHIP OFFICER, CHP 11-99 FOUNDATION CONSULTANT

After volunteering with the 11-99 Foundation for over 23 years, Tina Medeiros stepped into a new role as our Stewardship Officer, and we are thrilled to welcome her to the team! As a non-uniformed CHP employee for the past 25 years, Tina has

worked alongside our Northern CA staff, helping to manage our fundraising events on a volunteer basis, while still overseeing all the administrative staff and operations at the San Jose CHP area office in her continuing role as Office Supervisor II, the highest administrative rank. Tina's energy and passion is unmatched, and she has always been a key player to our success.

After serving eight years in the US Navy military police, Tina started

her CHP career as a dispatcher in the Golden Gate Division and then transitioned to administrative staff. She now teaches others as an instructor at the CHP Academy while providing assistance to her captains and lieutenants, as well as managing the San Jose non-uniformed staff.

With the recent closure of the 11-99 Foundation's San Jose office in December 2020 (read more on pg. 18), Tina now plays a vital role as our day-to-day "face of the Foundation" for our Northern CA members and CHP area offices. Tina will be managing future fundraising events held in the greater Bay Area, our Northern CA scholarship ceremonies, Monterey Car Week events, and several other social events we hope to resume later this year. She will work closely with our development team and CEO, cultivating relationships with donors, and helping us continue our assistance to CHP employees where they need it the most.

Please join us in officially welcoming Tina to the 11-99 family!

CHP HEROES & HELPERS

Stories of extraordinary CHP employees making a difference.



Bennet Saunders with Chief Omar Watson, showing off their matching "zipper" scars

Meet eight-year-old Bennet, son of CHP Sergeant Joseph Saunders and his wife, Christie, pictured with CHP Border Division Chief Omar Watson, who also happens to be our 11-99 Foundation CHP Departmental Liaison. The two share a unique bond as lifetime members of a special club.

Bennet was born with **Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome** and has had three open heart surgeries. Five years after his third surgery, Bennet is now a thriving 2nd grader! His parents are filled with joy watching him continue to hit milestones that he was never expected to reach, celebrating every victory over physical limitations. His favorite things include swimming, baseball, Harry Potter and french fries. He is still followed closely by his team at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and is enrolled

in a single ventricle program at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital. Though he will continue to have challenges and medical interventions in the years to come, he takes on everything with a fighting spirit! The 11-99 Foundation has stood by the family's side through this journey with financial support, whether it be for medical bills or during the long hospital stays.

Similar to Bennet's story, Chief Watson underwent an aortic valve replacement, due to a diagnosis called **Aortic Insufficiency**. Bennet asked his dad to send Chief Watson a video of him welcoming the Chief to the "Zipper Club". Chief Watson was so inspired by Bennet's bravery, that he had to meet him in person to take a photo of their matching scars. Bennet and Chief Watson now share this special bond forever.



Solano CHP Officers Barawed and Hardman with the 7-yr-old boy whose life they saved. Photo courtesy CHP Solano Area Facebook page

In September 2020, Solano Area CHP Officers Barawed and Hardman were stopped at an intersection when a vehicle sped past them and came to an abrupt stop in front of their patrol vehicle. A frantic mother exited her vehicle, carrying an unresponsive 7-year-old boy who was not breathing.

The officers immediately called for emergency medical services and began assessing the child's condition. He had no pulse and began turning blue from the lack of oxygen.

Officer Hardman began CPR right away with the assistance of Officer Barawed, while waiting for the arrival of emergency medical personnel. During that time, the officers were able to get a pulse again and thankfully, the child began breathing. Emergency medical services arrived and transported him to Kaiser Vacaville for further medical treatment, where he made a full recovery.

Thank you to Officer Barawed and Officer Hardman - you are true heroes!



IN MEMORIAM

OFFICER ANDY ORNELAS #21685



**END OF WATCH
DECEMBER 2, 2020**
CHP Antelope Valley Area



On November 23, 2020, California Highway Patrol Motorcycle Officer, Andy Ornelas #21685, was responding to a traffic collision on SR-14. While on his way to the scene, he was accidentally hit by another motorist. Officer Ornelas was thrown from his motorcycle - he sustained multiple injuries and was transported to Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster in critical condition. Despite significant life-saving efforts by medical personnel, on December 2, Officer Ornelas, age 27, succumbed to his injuries.

Officer Ornelas was a member of the Department for four years and is survived by his wife, Taylor, and a long line of family in law enforcement. His father is an LAPD motorcycle officer, his mother is a retired CHP officer, and his brother is an active CHP officer.

Officer Ornelas and his sister are also past recipients of our 11-99 Foundation scholarship awards.

At his memorial service, his mother, Kellie Ornelas, recalled one of the hardest conversations a mother could ever have. **"I asked him if the joy and pride of being a motorcycle officer would be worth his life."** Andy replied, **"Yes, mom, as you and dad taught me, we have to live our lives every day like it's [our] last."** This is the spirit of a true public servant. Our hearts are with his family, colleagues, and friends. May this Fallen Hero rest in peace, may his sacrifice never be forgotten, and may his loved ones find comfort in their memories and love.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to provide his wife with a check for \$50,000 within 24 hours of his passing.

WE HONOR THE FOLLOWING CHP EMPLOYEES WHO PASSED IN 2020

Linda Curtis
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SECTION

Brandi Palmowski
INLAND DIVISION COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Officer Andy Ornelas
ANTELOPE VALLEY OFFICE

Officer Brian Watkins
SAN JOSE OFFICE



THE EXPERIENCE STARTS WITH

You



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

20-35 Years of Age
High School Diploma or Equivalent
No Felony Convictions
United States Citizen
Veteran's Preference

GREAT PAY AND BENEFITS

Base Salary Starts at \$7,379/month (\$88,548*/year)
After 5 years, \$9,153/month (\$109,836*/year)
* does not include incentive pays

MEDICAL, DENTAL, & VISION BENEFITS

Comprehensive Medical, Dental, and Vision Health Care Plans for Officers and their Dependents



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FINANCIALS

2020 IN REVIEW

FUNDS RAISED

OVER \$7 MILLION!



Memberships
31%

Major Gifts
24%

General Support
16%

Events
15%

Grants & Trusts
13%

Store Sales
1%

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK



Emergency Assistance & Scholarships
45%

Operations
27%

Fundraising
11%

Membership
8%

Events
7%

Programs
2%

THE CHP 11-99 FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1982 TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AND DEATH BENEFITS TO CHP EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. SHORTLY AFTER, OUR VOCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAS ADDED, PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO QUALIFIED DEPENDENTS OF CHP EMPLOYEES.

TO DATE, WE'VE PROVIDED \$40 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE TO CHP FAMILIES, INCLUDING OVER \$32 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$2.1 MILLION AWARDED TO OVER 1,200 RECIPIENTS

GENERAL PROGRAM	1,174 AWARDS	\$1,814,500 AWARDED
SULLIVAN ADVANCED STUDY	21 AWARDS	\$140,000 AWARDED
FALLEN HERO	6 AWARDS	\$109,500 AWARDED

TESTIMONIALS

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Hear directly from CHP employees, past scholarship recipients, and beneficiaries as to why the 11-99 Foundation's assistance is so critical.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT TO METEOROLOGIST A SURVIVING SPOUSE SHARES HER STORY

"The 11-99 Foundation has been and will continue to be a large part of my life. I was generously awarded four financial scholarships that allowed me to pursue my dream of attending the University of Colorado at Boulder. Out-of-state tuition is a tough burden, but the Foundation made it possible. This organization gave me the support I needed to earn my B.A. in Environmental Science, which led me to become the Broadcast Meteorologist I am today. The 11-99 Foundation has made a lasting, positive impact on my life and I could not be more thankful for their support."

- K. Currie

"My husband died in the line of duty 17 years ago. This Foundation was a godsend, as I was left as the single parent of a 2-year-old. The 11-99 Foundation was there during the most difficult time of my life. The organization continues to be here for my daughter who is now in college. She applied for, and received, an extremely generous scholarship to help her pay for college. She will live the rest of her life with a hole in her heart, where her father used to be, but she will always remember the support and generosity of the 11-99 Foundation."

- C.G.



HALEY ROSER, R.N. 11-99 SULLIVAN AWARD SCHOLARSHIP ALUM

"We have raised our granddaughter, who is our dependent, the majority of her life. In December, she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree! Thanks to the 11-99 Foundation, she was able to complete two years of school debt-free! Now, Haley will go on to contribute to society in a much-needed way due to the help and confidence the 11-99 Foundation has shown in her over the years. We are ever so grateful that this non-profit works so tirelessly to support our CHP family."

- The Rosers

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR LIFE

"In 2008 my husband, an officer with the CHP, was diagnosed with brain cancer. We went from two incomes to one because I needed to stay home and take care of him. He was able to keep his regular pay but we lost almost 30% of our income overnight. The 11-99 Foundation helped us then, and again when my husband died in 2010. They even gave our youngest son two scholarships to help him with college. They helped us through a very difficult time."

- 11-99 Beneficiary

FROM STUDENT TO CHP OFFICER

"My father was a Sergeant with the CHP when I applied to colleges. I was awarded three scholarships which was extremely helpful. I owe my degree to the 11-99 Foundation. I have also seen first hand how they have helped the families of officers that were seriously hurt or killed. From providing vehicles, to resources, and support, I will always be grateful. From a college graduate, student, and now an officer with the Highway Patrol...I will never forget!"

- A Grateful Scholarship Recipient



MAX ARMENTA 11-99 SULLIVAN AWARD SCHOLARSHIP ALUM

We'd like to share an update on and re-introduce one of our past scholarship recipients, Max Armenta. We featured him in our Annual Report several years back while he was completing his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering at UCLA. Max was awarded several 11-99 scholarships, including the Sullivan Advanced Study scholarship. He has since completed a Master's Degree in

Environmental Engineering at the University of Washington, where he led the operations and analyses of cutting-edge research to investigate a new technology intended to help save cities' and ratepayers' costs by more efficiently removing nutrients in wastewater.

In a recent email to us, Max explains, *"Receiving a Sullivan scholarship allowed me to select a career path based on my motivation*

to become an environmental engineer instead of advancing into a career based on financial obligations."

It is a pleasure to have gotten the chance to follow and support this remarkable young man on his educational and professional journey, and we are inspired by his commitment to excellence and what he has already accomplished. We also see him as a testament to the very vital purpose of our scholarship program – specifically to our Sullivan Advanced Study scholarships. The 11-99 Foundation is continually grateful for the Sullivan Family and their tremendous contributions every year to make this funding possible, to help students like Max.



Max Armenta samples the granular sludge that will be added to the West Point Treatment Plant's existing treatment system as part of a pilot project to enable nutrient removal.

MEET THE COMMISSIONER

Q&A WITH COMMISSIONER RAY



Tell us a little bit more about yourself - what made you want to become a CHP officer and stay in this career for the long-haul?

Growing up in Oakland, CA, my parents encouraged me to chart my own path and follow my dreams. At a young age, I inherited a heart of service from my mother, who was active in the church and our community. I grew up loving sports, and was fortunate enough to play basketball at UC Berkeley, while obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Truth be told, I thought my life would lead me to the dental profession. However, much like many of us on the Department, I was recruited by someone I knew who became a California Highway Patrol officer. After learning of the dedication and professionalism of our Department, it did not take me long

An exclusive interview with CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray, the Department's first female leader.

to realize that my real calling in life was serving as a member of the CHP.

March 12, 2021 marked 31 years from the day I stepped onto the grounds of the CHP Academy. As a young officer, I was mentored by amazing individuals who taught me what it meant to wear this uniform with pride. I am truly thankful for the talented women and men who have preceded me. Throughout my career, I actively sought out opportunities that would promote personal development while improving my professional skillset and leadership abilities. Now that I have this amazing opportunity to be the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, I will support and stand beside the committed members of this great organization as we serve California's communities.

What has been the biggest challenge you've faced thus far as Commissioner?

We are experiencing a global pandemic that has disrupted our way of life in a way we never expected. Without a doubt, the biggest challenge I have experienced during my tenure as the Commissioner is maintaining a level of service to our communities, while ensuring the members of the Department are safe and

healthy. Although we have implemented robust safety measures, we have learned that the Pandemic has significantly impacted the efforts of all essential workers, including the CHP.

COVID-19 brought unique challenges to the CHP's Academy. While it has always been our goal to increase the number of people who attend and graduate from the Academy, we had to carefully weigh the safety of our new and current Departmental members. However, I am happy to report that on February 15, 2021, we welcomed back 131 cadets to the Academy, and look forward to seeing them graduate in a few months.

What do you see as the Department's biggest challenge in 2021?

In addition to reducing California's mileage death rate, one of my major priorities for the CHP is to create an organization that is more representative of California's communities. Most law enforcement agencies nationwide are experiencing retention and recruitment issues, and the CHP is not immune to this growing concern.

This means our recruitment efforts need to be aimed at improving application

numbers, diversity in applicants, and better prepare applicants for Academy life. This recruitment challenge is not just systemic for our uniformed classification, but also includes our hard-to-fill, non-uniformed positions. To meet this challenge, the CHP has reevaluated our recruitment goals and moved away from traditional advertising to utilizing social media, digital platforms, and programmatic marketing techniques to attract potential applicants from diverse backgrounds and demographics. I encourage every member of the Department and the 11-99 Foundation to identify and recruit qualified individuals through excellence, discipline, and a commitment to serving their community.

What do you view as the Department's biggest success in 2020?

During a time of uncertainty due to the Pandemic and social unrest, I have personally seen CHP officers and non-uniformed personnel across this state remain true to their oath and continue to care for each other and the community members we serve. Women and men who selflessly gave their all, even as they strived to maintain the health and safety of their loved ones.

I saw a CHP officer in Central Los Angeles use sign language to assist a hearing-impaired member of his community apply for an Identification Card at the local DMV. I saw a CHP officer and cadet in the San Geronio Pass give CPR to a motorist who went into cardiac arrest on the side of the road. I saw CHP helicopter paramedics in Northern Division rescue a couple and

their puppy after getting stuck in the freezing snow overnight. A CHP officer in Solano County saved the life of an unresponsive six-week-old infant who was not breathing because something was blocking the infant's airway. An officer from Contra Costa was hailed a hero for pulling a man from a burning vehicle, moments before it became fully engulfed with flames.

Whether teleworking or at the office, I have witnessed non-uniformed personnel across this state continue our administrative and fleet operations so that the Department maintained our service levels to the public. Three of our officers were awarded the California Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor for their extraordinary bravery, heroism, and courage in the face of imminent and life-threatening peril during gun battles that unfortunately claimed the lives of CHP Officer Andre Moya and Sacramento Police Department Officer Tara O'Sullivan. These are just a few examples of the heroic actions of CHP officers across the state in 2020. To me, our biggest success remains our unwavering dedication to the people of California.

What advice would you give to someone who may be interested in pursuing a career with the CHP?

If you have a heart of service and genuinely want to help the people in your community, then we encourage you to apply. The CHP is not your average job; it is an honorable profession built on integrity, dedication, and service. There is a reason the California Highway Patrol is regarded as one of the top law



enforcement agencies in the nation. We set a very high standard and expect all of our employees to meet that standard. We take an oath to stand for something bigger than ourselves – to provide safety, service and security to the citizens and visitors of our great state. It is this same integrity, courage, and honor of duty we seek from new recruits. Although the members of the CHP are diverse and hail from different backgrounds, there is one thing we all have in common: we all want to make a difference and are dedicated to public service.

What brings you the greatest joy in life?

Without hesitation, my son, Kyle, is my greatest pride and joy. He is an amazing young man, and I am incredibly proud of the person he has become. He stands for what is right, and cares for those around him. I will always be grateful for his love and support.

To read our full interview with Commissioner Ray, please visit chp11-99.org/news. We thank the Commissioner and her staff for their time.



ONE OF MY MAJOR PRIORITIES FOR THE CHP IS TO CREATE AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF CALIFORNIA'S COMMUNITIES."

THANK YOU TO OUR PLATINUM MEMBERS FOR YOUR KIND AND MOST GENEROUS SUPPORT.

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JOIN OR UPGRADE TO PLATINUM TODAY

Since we first launched the Platinum Level membership program in 2018, we continue to receive enthusiastic support. The Platinum Level is an exclusive membership level available for a limited time, offered only to members who have donated or pledged at least \$100,000 in total to the 11-99 Foundation. All prior donations will be credited toward a Platinum upgrade, and pledges may be paid over several years.

We invite you to consider this unique opportunity and thank you in advance for your incredible generosity. For more information, please contact:
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A PASSION FOR SERVING CHP FAMILIES



Retired Commissioner Warren Stanley and Retired Chief Bill Siegl, presenting Brad Houle with the 11-99 Foundation's Commissioner's Award in 2016

We asked our friend, member, and CEO of the CAHP Credit Union, Brad Houle, to share with us his passion for serving others.

The CAHP Credit Union's mission is to serve those who serve us, something we actively do throughout the year. Part of our philosophy is to promote the financial wellness of peace officers through training and educational programs. Achieving this financial freedom is done through creating spending plans, improving credit scores, financial counseling, and restructuring debt. Maintaining financial health through financial planning is paramount and is one of the areas where we can help our officers.

I come from a long tradition of family members who served in our United States military – three generations, raised in a family who respected and honored our law enforcement. Over the last ten years, being able to

serve those who serve us has been as rewarding as it has been fulfilling. Volunteerism is a core principle that we value at the CAHP Credit Union - we are continually involved with 11-99 fundraisers, annual CHP conferences, squad clubs, retirees, and community events (e.g., CHIPS for Kids, Tips for Chips, etc.). Giving back through volunteering and the ability to bring change to the lives of CHP families is an honor.

When our heroes give everything and their lives are tragically taken, the CAHP Credit Union establishes memorial accounts for those officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The 11-99 Foundation and the CAHP Credit Union were both formed to serve CHP employees and their families, serving those who serve us. This philosophy is the overarching umbrella under which we both work and operate. It is why our two organizations exist.

Every day, our California Highway Patrol officers place their lives on the line to serve and protect our community. When tragedy arises, the 11-99 Foundation is there to lend support. The assistance the Foundation provides to CHP families in need – and the swiftness in which they act – is inspiring. They help not only officers and their families when killed in the line of duty, but their generosity abounds in the amount given in scholarships each year which is truly amazing. These are just a few of the reasons why we continue to support the Foundation annually, sponsoring the 11-99 scholarship ceremonies and other events throughout the year. The Foundation is an organization that has proven themselves time and time again, during the most difficult circumstances, providing aid to families of Fallen Heroes.

To me, family is everything. I love spending time with my wife and six-year-old daughter, taking trips to Tahoe and Pismo Beach. My daughter's laugh and smile are a constant source of joy in my day. Watching her learn a new sport such as tennis or golf brings me incredible pride. I will always take care of my family and cherish my time with them, and will continue taking care of CHP employees and their families across this state for years to come.

The 11-99 Foundation thanks Brad Houle and the CAHP Credit Union for their generous support each year.

PROFILES OF GENEROSITY



FRITZ HITCHCOCK

More than 25 years ago, Fritz Hitchcock was introduced to the 11-99 Foundation through CA State Senator, Bill Campbell, and his chief of staff at the time, Jerry Haleva. Senator Campbell represented the City of Industry, where Mr. Hitchcock served on many association boards and councils due to his automobile dealerships being in that area. Fritz regularly attended the Bob Weinberg Golf Tournaments and 11-99 Movie Screenings, including one that was held in Sacramento, featuring a film in which Jerry Haleva had a role. The 11-99 Foundation was the charity chosen to receive the proceeds of the screening, which made it even more special.

Mr. Hitchcock recounts, "Over the years, learning the stories behind many of the tragic incidents in which officers were killed while on duty, compelled and energized me to give and continue to support the 11-99 long term. Today, because of the Pandemic, first responders are much more front and center with the public and many responsible people are looking for ways to help law enforcement, including the California Highway Patrol."

Fritz has served on the 11-99 Foundation Scholarship Committee for the past two years. Scholarships are especially dear to him, as he started an educational trust and has personally provided about 90 college scholarships to students in need. "I love being a philanthropist, and some of my greatest joys in my life have been supporting organizations like the 11-99 Foundation."

We are most grateful to Mr. Hitchcock for his continued support and appreciate that he recently upgraded to our Platinum Level membership.

DEBORA & KARL BAKHTIARI

The Bakhtiaris have been members for over 20 years. They first got involved, as many do, thanks to a friend and quickly realized the great need that CHP families face when tragedy occurs.

Debora and Karl are particularly moved to consistently give when the loss of a spouse occurs, and a CHP family's household income is drastically cut during a time of such grief. "The impact both financially and personally can be so devastating. It's the widows and children left behind who need our support to carry on and the 11-99 Foundation is a great and noble cause!"

Karl fondly remembers many positive interactions in his lifetime with law enforcement - police and CHP. He understands the sacrifice required, as his close childhood friend spent many years in law enforcement. "Cops and Chippies have been a part of my social group for as long as I can remember," says Karl.

What inspires Debora and Karl to continue their generous support, year after year? "We would say to other individuals or organizations that the 11-99 Foundation needs you now, more than ever. The negative impact of COVID-19 to many charities, especially the 11-99 Foundation, has been so profound that your support helps those families where it's needed most: to help send a child to college, to keep a family in their home, to maintain a semblance of continuity when a family needs it most. This is meaningful giving, important giving, life sustaining giving."

Karl's greatest joy? "That's easy - the happiness of our family; the children, my spouse, our dogs."

We thank the Bakhtiari family for their ongoing generosity, supporting our mission at the highest level.



Debora and Karl Bakhtiari and family

BUILDING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

After nearly 40 years, we are thankful to have found a permanent home in Costa Mesa, allowing room for growth and expansion.

In 2020, there were many changes happening all around us. For the 11-99 Foundation it was no different, and we have some exciting news to share.

We are happy to announce that after nearly 40 years of the 11-99 Foundation's existence, we have found ourselves in a position to purchase our own building. So, we seized the opportunity and have established the 11-99 Headquarters at our new building in Orange County's Costa Mesa. We believe this was a strategic move that will allow us to invest in our future and meet the growing needs of our organization.

Special thanks to Platinum Member, Trace Chalmers, and his team, who so graciously donated all the building's interior renovations. It is a truly beautiful facility that can house more employees with room to grow, and we are very grateful for such a wonderful place to work and to further our mission.

Trace explains, "Having been a member for over 30 years and a

*personal friend of Steve Harrington, it was an easy decision to help the 11-99 Foundation. I saw a perfect opportunity not only to meet a big need by covering the cost of the renovations, but also to increase my level of giving and become a Platinum member. My team at **CEG Construction** was able to complete the work efficiently, ensuring that it met with the expectations of the 11-99 Foundation. It is an honor to support all of the CHP officers, administrators, and their families through our membership and contributions."*



“WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE BERGER FOUNDATION'S MATCHING GRANT WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL 11-99 FOUNDATION.”

Another special thanks to the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation, who has generously offered to match any building campaign gifts up to \$150,000 – dollar for dollar – to finance our new 11-99 headquarters. “We are hopeful that the **Berger Foundation's matching grant** will encourage others to contribute to the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation. We appreciate all that 11-99 does for CHP families in their time of need,” said Catharine Reed, Vice President of Charitable Programs for the Berger Foundation.

Despite event cancellations due to the Pandemic, 2020 was a successful year, and we have evolved tremendously amidst this time of uncertainty. Our fundraising success, coupled with the added space in our new building, will allow us to expand our development and membership teams in 2021 to raise

more funds for CHP families and better serve our members and CHP communities.

Last, but not least – thank YOU for supporting the 11-99 Foundation and for giving us hope as we all delved into uncharted waters this past year. We, along with the CHP, are truly fortunate to have such caring and generous individuals on our side. We look forward to welcoming you to our new home in Costa Mesa this coming year when it is safe to do so again!

Please be sure to update your records with our new office address:

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Don't Drive Intoxicated

She was a motorcyclist, a runner, a girlfriend, a dog owner. And now she's also a distracted driving crash survivor.

DeeDee Gonzalez was like so many of us, enjoying the good life in Southern California by taking a motorcycle ride with her boyfriend in March 2017. When they were just over a mile from home, a driver on the other side of the street looked down at something on his phone, crossed over two double yellow lines and hit her head on.

After nearly four months of hospitalization and therapy, she was able to sit up in a wheelchair. She has accomplished a lot more since then – she got married and now can take a walk with her husband and dogs, but she still hurts. “Recovery is painful and it’s constant,” she said. “You have to make a choice – do I want to get back as much of my old life as I can?”

At the Auto Club, we thought her story is an important one to tell because she is far from alone – she is one of nearly 400,000 people each year who are killed or injured by a distracted driver.

She and so many others like her are why the Auto Club of Southern California has a campaign to end distracted driving. We all know that it’s dangerous to take our eyes off the road for even a short time, but too many of us still look at our phones while driving, falsely believing that we can handle this dangerous activity without endangering ourselves or others.

“Don’t Drive Intoxicated. Don’t Drive Intoxicated.” That’s the message we are spreading to get people thinking about texting while driving in a new way. Most

of us would never dream of driving down the road with a glass of wine or beer in hand, yet 43 percent of drivers involved in a crash admitted to AAA researchers in 2019 that they read or even sent an email or text message while behind the wheel in the month prior to being surveyed.

Alcohol-impaired driving is still a huge problem in this country, but attitude and behavior changes since the 1980s have helped to cut fatalities from drunk driving crashes in half. We need to do the same with intoxicated driving, because the consequences can be equally devastating – deaths and debilitating injuries like those DeeDee suffered.

“I have to live with the fact that this boy’s phone was more important than my life and it’s a lousy feeling that whatever he was doing on his phone was more important than my safety,” DeeDee said.

“Since I did survive, I can use my voice to advocate and maybe hopefully keep this from happening to someone else.”

DeeDee has used her voice, joining the Auto Club in press conferences and other public events throughout Southern California to share her story and advocate for the “Don’t Drive Intoxicated” initiative. In addition, the Auto Club sponsored AB 47 a bill in 2019 that takes effect this July and will add a point to a driver’s record for a second violation of the hands-free law that occurs within 36 months of the first offense. Please join us in this effort to stop intoxicated driving and whenever you are tempted to steal a glance after your phone buzzes or beeps while you’re driving, remember all those like DeeDee.

For more information, please visit AAA.com/DontDriveDistracted



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2020 EVENTS & DRAWINGS

Despite the cancellation of all in-person events due to COVID, we still had great success with our virtual fundraisers, thanks to your donations and participation. We hope to welcome you back to our events, in-person and safely, later this year!

ELECTRIC BIKE OR \$5,000 CASH DRAWING

Congrats to our winner, Eric Marmont!

A HUGE congrats to the winner of our 2020 Custom Vintage Electric™ Bike or \$5,000 Cash Prize Drawing held in July, Eric Marmont of Arizona! Eric chose the bike! As it turns out, Eric is a retired CHP Officer out of Crescent City (Northern Division) and we've had the pleasure of awarding both of his kids with scholarships over the years. In choosing the bike over the cash prize he said, "Money is great but comes and goes, but this bike will give us so much joy and fun for a long time to come." We couldn't agree more. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and entered the drawing this year, as well as those who sent in donations! Out of 2,000 tickets total, we sold 1,962 tickets = \$66,600! An additional \$6,820 in straight donations was sent in from generous donors. We FAR SURPASSED OUR GOAL of raising \$50K with a **GRAND TOTAL of \$73,420!**

20TH ANNUAL WINNER'S CHOICE DRAWING

Congrats to our winner, Dr. Carl Hemp who chose the \$50K cash prize!

On October 8, 2020 the grand prize winner was randomly chosen in our 20th Annual Winner's Choice Drawing. This year's prize included the choice between \$50,000 cash or a 2021 Ford Mach-E California Route 1 model. After much consideration, Dr. Hemp and his wife chose the \$50K CASH! Thank you again to everyone who entered the drawing or sent in a donation. The response this year was incredible. In total, we sold 1,927 tickets, with an additional \$1,725 in donations, for a **GRAND TOTAL of \$194,425!**

VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER AND AUCTION

With over 200 donated items, this virtual event surprised us all!

Our Board and Staff were amazed by the participation and response from all of you, our loyal 11-99 Foundation supporters. In a year like no other, with a \$1.4 million deficit due to event cancellations, we quickly pivoted our efforts to this Virtual FUNdraiser held at the end of October. Our goal for the virtual event was \$250,000. You REALLY showed up for us in our fundraising efforts as we sold nearly all of our 200 donated auction items - thank you! Because of your generosity, we far surpassed our goal with a **GRAND TOTAL of \$385,000!** A sincere thank you to all of our auction donors who made this event possible, as well as Alison Sweeney, Jim Belushi, Alonzo Bodden, Rita Rudner, and Shawn Parr for their virtual participation throughout the week!

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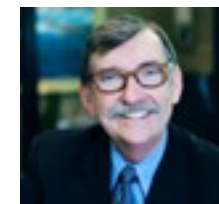
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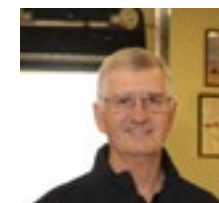
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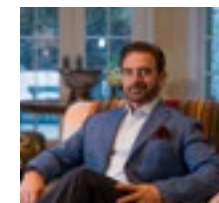
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