



Anonymous Donors Give \$50,000 For Local Officers To Be #904SecretSanta

Duval, Clay and St. Johns County Sheriff's deputies distribute the \$100 gift cards to citizens

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – December 18, 2015 — Law enforcement officers in Duval, Clay and St. Johns counties got the opportunity to be 'Secret Santa' for a day to 500 surprised citizens in their communities. Each of the recipients tapped by a law enforcement officer was given a \$100 pre-approved gift card for their use.

The gift card giveaway was made possible by two anonymous donors who 'just wanted to give the men and women who keep our communities safe the opportunity to spread some joy in this holiday season.' The donors approached The Community Foundation through their professional advisor, and a Donor Advised fund was established to carry out their wishes. The Community Foundation worked with the donors, TD Bank, and the three Sheriff's Offices to transform the \$50,000 gift into the 500 gift cards for distribution. The TD Charitable Foundation generously supplied the TD Visa gift cards to The Community Foundation with no fee.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office distributed 300 of the cards, and Clay and St. Johns County's Sheriff's offices each distributed 100 gift cards. Area officers and deputies began their 'Secret Santa' duties the morning of December 17 with these instructions: 'Based on your experience in the community or with someone you may encounter today, you are asked to distribute these cards to individuals who you feel may benefit from a gift like this at this time of year.' All cards were distributed by midnight.

To access images posted during yesterday's Secret Santa giftcard distribution, please utilize the individual county's websites and social media platforms {#904SecretSanta} or contact the public information officers listed below:

- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Melissa Bujeda or Chris Hancock, Public Information Officers, 904 630-2133 Melissa.Bujeda@jaxsheriff.org or Christian.Hancock@jaxsheriff.org
 - www.jaxsheriff.org
 - Twitter: @JSOPIO
 - Instagram: JAXSHERIFF
 - Facebook: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
 - YouTube: JAXSHERIFF
- Clay County Sheriff's Office, Mary Justino, Media/Press Contact, 904 591-4607 or mjustino@claysheriff.com
 - www.claysheriff.com
 - Twitter: @SheriffClayCo
 - Instagram: SheriffClayCo
 - Facebook: ccsofl
 - YouTube: CCSOFLVideos
- St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, Chuck Mulligan, Commander, 904 209-1550 or cmulligan@sjsso.org
 - www.sjsso.org
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 - Instagram: SJSOPIO
 - Facebook: St. Johns County Sheriff's Office
 - YouTube: Sjsso Sheriff



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