

HeroFundUSA, Inc. Dispatch





### **BECAUSE OF YOU...**



It's hard to believe, but the event that started it all just celebrated it's 7<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY...the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GOLFING 'FORE' HEROES/HFUSA GOLF CLASSIC took place on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Creekmoor Golf Club in Raymore, Missouri. Some 125 golfers (many have participated since the inaugural event in 2017!) enjoyed a beautiful day of great weather, great fun and great fellowship while raising \$35,000 in support of our local HEROES—Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters & Emergency Medical Services Personnel. When Co-Chairmen Rick Seithel and Sam Silvio envisioned an annual golf tournament in support of First-Responders, we could hardly imagine what was to come! In the past 6 ½ years HeroFundUSA has raised over \$1 Million in support of new, state-of-the-art safety equipment and technology resources to keep our local HEROES safe and they protect our friends, neighbors and families. And who knows what the future holds as we've only just begun!

Blessings to our sponsors including MOLLE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, St. Mary's Medical Center, St. Joseph Medical Center, State Park Marina, P&L Development and so many other faithful sponsors, too numerous to mention here.

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At the time of this newsletter, HeroFundUSA, Inc has granted funding to an additional 9 first responder agencies. Five fire departments and four police departments received funding from HeroFundUSA for much needed safety equipment, including drones, ballistic gear, safety vests, water rescue gear and wildland protective wear. Upon receipt of the equipment, agencies often send us photos and testimonial letters to share with our supporters. Fire Chief Brian Gaudet with the Hillsboro Fire Protection District may have said it best "As you are aware, most public service agency budgets have been stretched as far as possible with increased operating costs. All of us are being asked to do more with less. Thank you and your organization for helping to protect our firefighters." To see more testimonials, follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/herofundusa.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MIKE MOSHER MEMORIAL MARKSMANSHIP TOURNAMENT A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Thursday, March 23 was the day to be at Frontier Justice in Lee's Summit, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mike Mosher Memorial Marksmanship Tournament commemorating the life, career and legacy of the late Officer Mike Mosher of the Overland Park, Kansas Police Department. Mike's memory lives on as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Marksmanship Tournament bearing his name raised nearly \$12,000 in his honor. Photographed are Scott Mosher (Mike's father) checking in some participants and Tournament Committee members Chuck Zuvers and Kent Edmondson with HeroFundUSA, Inc. Executive Director Angela Fera.

Many thanks to Committee members Jerry Kaylor, Josiah Lowther, Chuck Zuvers and Kent Edmondson, our Presenting Sponsors USCCA and Bushnell, our Gold Sponsor St. Mary's Medical Center, our gracious and supportive hosts at Frontier Justice in Lee's Summit, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas and our many participating teams and individuals. Funds raised from this event will be invested in new, state-of-the-art SAFETY equipment to keep our local HEROES safe!



### KOLD/Tucson, AZ GIVING-DAY a resounding success...

On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> Rob Boenau and his 13 NEWS Team conducted their inaugural Televised Giving-Day Campaign in support of SE Arizona First-Responder Departments and Agencies and raised an impressive \$25,000! We've already invested in new wildland fire gear for one area Department and, thanks to KOLD and their enthusiastic viewers, we are poised to assist additional Departments with new, state-of-the-art First-Responder safety equipment and resources as needed. Thank you to everyone at KOLD and to the generous folks at O'Rielly Chevrolet for graciously hosting the event and for their generous donation in support of the effort. A special 'thank you' also to HFUSA Board member David Eppihimer, along with Tom Boyle and Mary Cummings for their efforts to make the day a tremendous success. Look for details on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual KOLD Giving-Day in early 2024.

# 4TH ANNUAL TIGER BOWL 9-PIN TAP TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!



On January 28th Tiger Bowl in Excelsior Springs, MO conducted their 4th Annual 9-PIN TAP tournament benefitting the First-Responder SAFETY mission of HeroFundUSA, Inc. \$500 was collected with winners as follows: They are...

1st place : John Holey, Ken Chaffin, Sid Lee, Bernie Allen 2nd place: Alan Vanzueyn, Steven Mackin, Chris Clark, Oscar Morales - (St. Louis team )

THANK YOU to Jerry and Teresa Ferrell, owners of Tiger Bowl for coordinating another great event in support of our local HEROES!

## KOAM/Pittsburg, KS-Joplin, MO GIVING-DAY supports SE KS/SW MO First-Responder SAFETY...

On Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Brook Arnold and her KOAM Team conducted their inaugural Televised Giving-Day in support of First-Responders in their viewing area which includes SE Kansas, SW Missouri and portions of NE Oklahoma and NW Arkansas. Phones were manned by area First-Responders from throughout their viewer-ship area. Pete's Stores, headquartered in Parsons, KS supported the effort by sponsoring the phone bank operations as over \$15,000 was raised from KOAM's inaugural effort led by Darren Dishman and Vance Lew-is. The funds raised allow us to provide needed funding assistance for a drone program for the Montgomery County, KS Sheriff's Department, a thermal imager and gas meter for the White Rock Fire Protection District in Jane, MO and others. Previously, HFUSA has provided assistance to the Neosho, MO PD for safety partitions for their patrol vehicles and to the White Rock FPD.



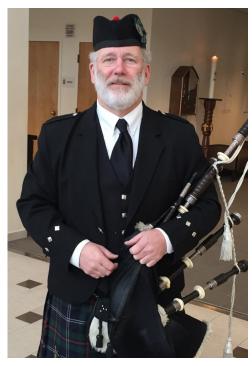
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# HeroFundUSA Family



Noe Palma serves the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department as a Fire Captain but he's best known to all of us at HeroFundUSA as an entertainer extraordinaire. He routinely performs the National Anthem at HFUSA events throughout the year. We first met Noe through a mutual friend, Jaime Bluma. Since that first introduction, Noe (and Jaime) have become valued members of the HFUSA 'family'. Noe even sponsors his own HFUSA golf tournament – MULLI-GANS & MUSIC – which recently saw it's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event in Smithville, MO. Noe's passion for the fire service is matched by his talent as a country music performer and recording artist and his passion for helping other Fire Fighters with incremental safety resources so they can return to their loved ones at the



# MEET JOHN TOOTLE...

We first met John when he played the bagpipes for our inaugural GOLFING 'FORE' HEROES/HFUSA GOLF CLASSIC in 2017 and he's not missed an event since that time. John is a retired (22 years) Kansas City, KS Fire Fighter/Paramedic, spent 12 years with Mast Ambulance Service and is presently an ER nurse with Research Hospital Brookside. John has a heart of service and is always there for us. He is the most talented bagpiper we know and has become a fixture at most of our fundraising events through the years. His servant's heart is only surpassed by his sense of humor, he's always ready to crack a joke and a smile to anyone who will spend time with him. We are blessed and grateful to John for his service to the First-Responder SAFETY mission of HeroFundUSA!

# 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GIVING-DAY RAISES FUNDS FOR AREA FIRST-RESPONDER SAFETY NEEDS



Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, MO

MOLLE TOYOTA served as the host site for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual First-Responder SAFETY Giving-Day event broadcast simultaneously on KFKF, Q104, MIX93.3 & KC103.1, owned and operated by Steel City Media in Kansas City. With nearly \$24,000 raised, highlights of the day included food trucks, antique and modern First-Responder vehicles and more. Area First-Responders from various Departments were interviewed by personalities from all four radio stations and showcased as they discussed equipment for which they have received funding from HeroFundUSA's enthusiastic donors and partners. KCPD K-9 Nevil was also a special guest of the event (HFUSA provided funding to allow KCPD to bring Nevil onto their K-9 Team). A special 'thank you' to our friends at Steel City Media and Molle Toyota/Molle Automotive Group for their enthusiastic and continued support of the First-Responder SAFETY mission of HeroFundUSA, Inc.! And a big 'thank you' to Dennette Smith and her colleagues at Farmers Insurance for their presenting sponsorship and for providing phone volunteers along with St. Mary's Medical Center and St. Joseph Medical Center.

Hourly sponsors included Santa Fe Tow Service, Saint Mary's Medical Center, Saint joseph Medical Center, Pipefitters Local 533 and Molle Automotive Group.







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### 6<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL STRIKE-FORCE BOWLING EVENT ANOTHER SUCCESS IN BLUE SPRINGS!

It's hard to imagine our 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest event just celebrated its 6<sup>th</sup> annual occurrence on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> with around 200 participants enjoying a leisurely afternoon of bowling, great food and fantastic fun while raising \$6000 for area First-Responder SAFETY needs. As they say..."A good time was had by all!" Pictured are TEAM CAPTAINS, Christian Garcia's TEAM SPIRIT AWARD-WINNING COUNTRY FINANCIAL team members and the Blue Springs South High School Jr AFROTC 'BOUGIE BOWLERS'





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