



# Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

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## COMMENTS FROM SENIOR CHAPLAIN STEVE WRIGHT

On May 4th, for the fourth year in a row, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation brought the Big Day of Giving to the Sacramento Region. The Big Day of Giving is designed to help nonprofits like the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy engage with supporters and raise the funds necessary to bring hope to our community. This was our first year to participate in the Big Day of Giving, and through the efforts of each and every one of you, we were able to raise a total of \$9,128 from 34 different individuals, but we can't stop now. The Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy is completely funded through the generous efforts of people like you and we need your help to keep the work moving forward.

Some of you know firsthand how much our work means to this community. Others have heard about our work and it moved you. Whether you were directly impacted or inspired by our message, you know the power of our story and we need your help to share it.

Here is how:

- **When you come across a story about the Chaplaincy on Facebook or in your circle of friends - share it!**
- **Invite one of our Chaplains to share at your community group, church, or civic organization.**
- **Talk to your boss, your board, or your staff about our work and encourage them to be a part of our support team.**



We know you don't know everyone and neither do we, but you can help us reach those you do know. Be a part of sharing the story.

## COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was one of those calls to which you never want to dispatch one of your chaplains. Shortly after midnight, a man became enraged and out of control towards another man who had married his ex-wife. He went to the house to confront the man, and when he saw the other man in the road as he drove up to the house, he let his anger boil out of control. He accelerated his vehicle and aimed his car at the man, striking him at a high rate of speed and killing him almost instantly. The Sheriff and Highway Patrol called for my chaplain. They took the wife and her two children to the detectives' office. Obviously, they were traumatized by the horrific events they had witnessed at their home. It was very complicated as the children's father had allegedly just murdered the man married to their mother. The children are young and do not totally understand the situation. The woman dissolved into tears, and as you can expect, she was crying out of control. Our chaplain spent many hours comforting the woman and helping her explain to her young children what had happened. The mother would cycle from anger, to tears, to sorrow, to being stoic and back to tears. Please pray for this woman as she has many complicated issues facing her and her children. Please pray for Chaplain Alan Kushner as he follows up with her and her children.

*Chaplain Tim Thompson*

## PLEASE PRAY WITH ME FOR...

- A husband and child who witnessed their wife/mother fall off her balcony and die
- The veteran who discovered that his wife had died during the night and is grieving
- The retired narcotics officer who is also grieving as he lost his wife to a pulmonary disease
- A retired police officer who has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer
- Praise that my friend's surgery on his foot was successful and that he is home healing
- One of our board members as he waits to hear what doctors want to do for his back problems
- A deputy's step-mother who is terminally ill and his father as they face this huge challenge
- The grieving spouses and family members from those accidents