

## **2021 COPS & KIDS EVENT**

The Phoenix F.O.P. Lodge #2 is proud to announce our 2021 "Cops and Kids" Back to School Event.

Due to the COVID-19 impact on our society, we are prioritizing our efforts to help those in our community, especially during these exceedingly difficult times. We are emphasizing caution to not potentially expose anyone to COVID-19 through the accidental transmission of the virus. But we are not giving up on our efforts to meet the needs of our incredibly special children.

The program is designed to unite Phoenix Officers and public safety employees with local disadvantaged children for a special day of shopping. The children will shop with local officers for the items necessary to start the school year which may include new shoes, several outfits of clothing, and a backpack filled with school supplies. Children and families will be carefully selected and screened by a committee of local law enforcement officers to reach those most in need. Approximately \$200 will be spent on each child. Our goal is to sponsor as many children as possible through the support of donations from our citizens and businesses here in the Phoenix area. Contributions directly benefit the "*Cops and Kids*" program but can also be used at the Phoenix F.O.P. Lodge #2 discretion for other community programs as appropriate. Phoenix F.O.P. Lodge #2 believes in positive outreach and community relationships that will benefit the children and families in our community.

Our goal is to provide Phoenix kids a chance to develop positive relationships with their local police officers. We anticipate a significant funding decrease in the wake of this pandemic. To that end, we are working hard to make successful event safe for everyone while still meeting the goals of this program. Please continue to join us and give what you can to help our children at this time of anxiety and stress; helping them continue their very important education. The Phoenix F.O.P. Lodge #2 strongly believes that we will make a difference in the lives of children and families in our city and the surrounding communities. We are grateful for your consideration and support to this event as we strive to help the community.

Sincerely,

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