



# DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

*Investing in a Safer City*



## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



# Letter from Leadership

## Dear Friends,

In 2025, the Detroit Public Safety Foundation strengthened its role as a vital partner in advancing public safety across Detroit. Through strategic philanthropy and close collaboration with the Detroit Police and Fire Departments, DPSF supported initiatives that enhance safety, expand youth opportunity, and strengthen neighborhoods citywide.

This year marked a milestone as DPSF achieved the highest grant funding total in our history, investing in behavioral health responses, community violence prevention, youth development, and the operational and wellness needs of Detroit's first responders.

DPSF was honored to receive support from partners including the Detroit Grand Prix and Rocket Mortgage Classic and to collaborate with the City of Detroit, DPD, and DFD throughout the year. None of this work would be possible without the generosity and trust of our donors, foundations, corporate partners, and community supporters.



As we look ahead to 2026, DPSF remains committed to building trust, strengthening systems, and investing in the people who protect our city and represent its future.

Sincerely,

**Patti Kukula**  
Executive Director

**\$2.49M**

Received in  
Grant Funding

**\$3.76M**

Achieved in  
Total Revenue

**20**

Grant Awards

# 2025 At A Glance

**Our Mission:** The Detroit Public Safety Foundation exists to enhance public safety in the City of Detroit by strengthening the capacity of the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department, while supporting community-based strategies that prevent violence and promote opportunity.

2025 marked the highest grant-funded year in DPSF history. The Foundation secured more than 20 grants, including several significant multi-year commitments that will continue generating impact well beyond a single year. These investments supported innovative public safety strategies, youth development pro-

grams, and first responder initiatives reaching communities across Detroit.

Through direct support of public safety agencies, DPSF benefited the full workforce of Detroit's first responders—3,522 sworn and civilian members of the Detroit Police Department and 1,309 employees of the Detroit Fire Department—while also advancing programs that serve youth and families in neighborhoods citywide.

The DPSF has a strong Board of Directors with 30 members from various businesses, organizations and backgrounds in Detroit.



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# Supporting the Detroit Fire Department

DPSF continued its commitment to the Detroit Fire Department through targeted investments in prevention, training, and life-saving infrastructure. In 2025, DPSF received approval for a \$50,000 grant to support the installation of outdoor Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) as part of DFD's Heart Safe City initiative, with implementation scheduled for 2026.

Additional funding supported Fire Prevention Week activities and other initiatives designed to improve community safety and readiness, reinforcing DPSF's role as a partner in both emergency response and prevention.



## PARTNERSHIPS

Professional development conference



## OUTREACH

Firehouse visit with the Detroit Tigers



## GRANT SUPPORT

National Fire Prevention Week funding



# Supporting the Detroit Police Department

In addition to youth and community programming, DPSF played a critical role in supporting the operational priorities and wellness needs of Detroit's first responders. In 2025, DPSF purchased new police bicycles and two Comfort K-9s for the Detroit Police Department—enhancing community engagement, officer wellness, and trauma-informed policing practices.



More than 17 schools represented  
Year-round and summer programming

DPSF also received more than \$93,000 in donations for the DPD Family Advocate & Management Liaison for Engagement (FAMLE) Unit, supporting the families of fallen officers, critically injured officers, and homicide victims. More than \$83,000 was raised thanks to an invitation from the Association of Independent Mortgage Experts (AIME), to be the beneficiary of funds raised at their national conference in Nashville, TN with more than 50 donors from across the country.

## Youth Mentoring Programs

**60**  
STUDENTS

DPD Summer Academy

**400**  
STUDENTS

Brotherhood/Sisterhood

**223**  
STUDENTS

DPD Explorers

# Success by the Numbers

## PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

The DPSF receives grants, sponsorships, donations and in-kind donations for events, programs and projects. In 2025, the foundation received more than 300 individual donations. The DPSF manages 171 individual accounts for DPD & DFD. Each account has its own unique balance, account and restricted line item for funds. The DPSF helps fundraise for the various programs and projects supporting public safety in Detroit.

**300+** Individual Donors

**171** DPD & DFD Financial Accounts



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The DPSF supports mentoring programs which reach more than 798 youth. The Brotherhood/Sisterhood operates out of 10 Detroit High Schools serving more than 400 youth. The Explorers Program has 223 active members on the roster. In addition to these programs, DPSF played a role in supporting more than 17 community based events in 2025.

**798+**

Youth Served in Programming

**17+**

Community Events

# Program Spotlights



## Project Genesis

- Project Genesis was funded by the Gilbert Family Foundation. The DPSF worked in partnership with the Detroit Medical Center to provide 8-weeks of hands on medical training for the high school students.
- 25 high school juniors and seniors were assigned placements throughout the hospital and helped staff with basic medical care, hands on learning, and administrative work.

**RETENTION RATE / 96% • ATTENDANCE RATE / 90%**

## United Way Building Foundations & Moving Forward

- In 2025, through our Detroit Youth Violence Prevention initiative programs, 115 students and youth were served through intensive case management and life-skills interventions, resulting in more than 4,577 hours of direct support.
- DPSF hired case managers to work directly with youth in these programs, documenting the resources provided to the participant and family.



**STUDENTS / 115 • HOURS OF SUPPORT / 4,577**

# Financial Snapshots

In 2025, DPSF responsibly managed \$3.8 million in total revenue while supporting expanded programming across Detroit. The Foundation maintained strong financial controls, positive net income, and healthy reserves, positioning DPSF to meet current obligations and sustain multi-year grant commitments. Year-end assets totaled \$2 million, reflecting continued organizational stability amid growth.



 <b>3.76M</b> Net Revenue	 <b>3.62M</b> Total Expenses
 <b>193k</b> Net Income	 <b>413,498</b> In Kind Donations

**2018 → 2025 grant growth: ~3.6x increase**

The DPSF receives in kind donations to support work within DPD, DFD and the City of Detroit. Amazon remains a faithful in kind contributor with donations valued at \$344,796 in 2025. The nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies and self-care products donated are distributed throughout the Detroit Public Safety workforce, as well as families in need across the Detroit community.



# Thank You To Our Top 2025 Donors!

AAA Life Insurance Company  
AAM - American Axle  
Adamo Group Inc.  
AIME Association of Independent Mortgage Experts  
Alter Inc.  
Amazon  
American Heart Association  
Arandas Tire Headquarters  
ArcelorMittal  
AT&T  
Ballmer Group  
Bedrock Management Services LLC.  
Black Family Development, Inc.  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan  
BusPatrol America LLC  
Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce  
Chiropractic Works PC  
Comerica Bank  
Community Foundation Southeast Michigan  
Curis Enterprises, Inc.  
Delta Dental of Michigan  
Detroit Athletic Club Foundation  
Detroit Belle Isle Grant Prix, Inc.  
Detroit Lions Charities  
Detroit Medical Center  
Detroit Pistons  
Detroit Police Command Officers Association  
Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association  
Detroit Police Officers Association  
Detroit Thermal  
Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network  
Diversified Members Credit Union

Diversity Group LLC  
Downtown Detroit Partnership  
DTE Foundation  
Edw. C. Levy Co.  
Elkhart Brass  
Farbman Group  
FCA Stellantis  
Flex-N-Gate  
Flinn Foundation  
Flock Safety  
Frank Venegas  
Gardner White  
General Dynamics Land Systems  
Gilbert Family Foundation  
Hands of Hope  
Henry Ford Health  
Homes for Heroes  
Hudson Webber Foundation  
Humana  
Huntington Foundation  
Ilitch Charities  
ITC  
Kimmel Scrap Iron & Metal Company  
Laborers' Local Union 1191  
MacQueen  
Making It Count  
Marathon Petroleum Corporation  
Meijer  
Metro Durable Medical Supply LLC  
MGM Grand Detroit  
MHT Housing Inc  
Michigan Fuels  
Michigan Health Fund Capacity Grant  
Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters

Mike Morse Law Firm, PLLC  
Motorola Solutions Foundation  
Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit  
Others First  
Rocket Community Fund  
Ser Metro - Detroit  
Seyferth PR  
Skillman Foundation  
Song Foundation  
Sound Off Signal  
Sound Thinking  
Spartan Fire, LLC  
State Farm Grant  
Strategic Staffing Solutions  
Stryker  
Synagro Technologies Inc.  
Target Corporation  
Team Mental Health Services Inc  
Team Pursuit - FORCE Detroit  
Team Rehab  
The American Gift Fund  
The Home Depot  
The John Dykema and Michele Maly - Dykema Family Foundation  
The Kiefer Foundation  
The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.  
The Parade Company  
The Skillman Foundation  
Torch Technologies, Inc.  
UMetco Inc.  
United Way Building Foundations  
Vesco Oil Corporation  
Visit Detroit  
Walbridge  
Wildlife Habitat Council  
Wolverine Packing Co.

# 2025 Year in Review

*Detroit to host Congressional Medal of Honor Convention*



*DPSF Tent at Rocket Mortgage Classic*



*DFD Valentine's Event*



*DFD Explorers Camp*



*DFD Golf Outing*



*Casey Mize Firehouse Visit*



*Pistons First Responders Night*



*DAC Foundation Event*



# Coming Up in 2026

MAY

**27**



## Women in Blue

Women in Blue is a celebration of Detroit's female first responders. Event includes inspiring keynote remarks, breakfast and the presentation of the Women in Blue Officer of the Year & DFD Woman of the Year awards.

JUL

**13**



## DPSF/DPD Golf Outing

Join us for a day of golf at the beautiful St. Johns Resort for the annual DPD/DPSF Golf Outing! Gather your colleagues, friends, or clients for a day on the course in support of Detroit's public safety community.

OCT

**2**



## Congressional Medal of Honor Gala

The 2026 Congressional Medal of Honor Society Conference will be taking place in Detroit. DPSF is the fiduciary for this incredible event.

NOV

**TBD**



## Above & Beyond

Above & Beyond Awards Ceremony at Ford Field honors the best of the best at DPD & DFD. Join us as we highlight the bravery, service and sacrifice of our first responders.

Information about all our events is on our website: [Detroitpublicsafety.org](http://Detroitpublicsafety.org)

Sponsorship information for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Conference can be found at: [Medalofhonordetroit.com](http://Medalofhonordetroit.com)

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