



Police Department

# City of Lauderhill

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**SUBJECT: Lauderhill Police Provides Gift for Family in Need**

**WHO: Lauderhill Police Officers**

**WHAT: Lauderhill Police Provides Gift for Family in Need**

**WHEN: March 16th and March 18th, 2017**

**WHERE: 6279 West Oakland Park Blvd, Lauderhill Florida 33313 (Lauderhill Police Department)**

### SUMMARY:

Members of the Lauderhill Police Department were contacted earlier this week by Ms. Pearl Soloman who is a resident of Lauderhill. Ms. Soloman explained she was just awarded custody of her four grandchildren (ages ranging from 6-11 years old) and was asking if there were any programs in the police department where she could receive donated bikes so her grandchildren could have bikes to ride to play with the other neighborhood children.

Although our agency did not offer such a program, these officers quickly understood the position Ms. Soloman faced with the financial struggle of raising her four grandchildren. These officers decided to help this family by taking up a collection on their own, raising enough money from their own pockets to bless this family with bicycles for each child. That same day, four brand new bicycles were purchased and are being kept at the Lauderhill Police Department for Ms. Solomon's grandkids. Ms. Solomon and her grandchildren were invited to the Police Station to meet with the contributing Officers and Sergeants. The only caveat was that she would



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not tell her grandkids that the officers purchased the new bicycles. Ms. Soloman agreed and the children met the officers and posed for pictures not understanding yet why.

Soon after, Ms. Solomon and her grandchildren were invited to the Police Department's Family Day and Recruitment Drive this Saturday March 18th from 11am until 4pm, where the children were be presented with a big surprise; brand new bicycles by the Chief of Police. The Lauderhill Police Department is extending an invitation to all media outlets to join us for the surprise reveal.

Below are photographs of the Lauderhill Police Officers and Supervisors who helped make this gift of new bikes possible:



Officers from left to right .

Sergeant Mike Santiago, Officer Cory Pendergrass, Officer Thomas Yopps, Officer Peterson Hackshaw, Police Chief Constance Stanley, Officer Brian Folmsbee, Officer Davlin Session, Sergeant Atina Johnson



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Group photo from left to right.

(Back row) - Officer Brian Folmsbee, Officer Davlin Session, Sergeant Atina Johnson, Sergeant Mike Santiago, Officer Thomas Yopps.

(Front row) - Ms. Soloman (Grandmother), Raniya Robertson (9 years old), Koraan Hicks (6 years old), Angel Watkins (8 years old), Kory Jenkins (11 years old), Police Chief Constance Stanley.

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