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**MAYOR'S FUND TO ADVANCE NEW YORK CITY ANNOUNCES INITIAL \$120,000 RAISED FOR
FALLEN HEROES RELIEF EFFORT AND CALLS ON NEW YORKERS TO GET INVOLVED**

Relief effort encourages New Yorkers to donate to the families of slain Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos and broader NYPD community

Mayor's Fund also encourages New Yorkers to volunteer and support existing initiatives that help strengthen police-community relations

NEW YORK—The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York announced today that it has so far raised \$120,000 in pledges through the Fallen Heroes Relief Effort, which was established in honor of slain Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and the broader NYPD community, to support affected families and our law enforcement during this difficult time. The Fund received pledges from JPMorgan Chase & Co., Verizon, Association for a Better New York and the Rudin Family, AT&T, The Wilpon Family and the New York Mets Foundation, and The Hispanic Federation. Encouraged by the quick action and generosity of everyday New Yorkers, and the City's civic and business institutions, the Mayor's Fund will push forward to expand the Fallen Heroes Relief Effort.

"Our hearts ache as the hearts of people all across this city are aching, in these days after the horrific deaths of two of New York City's Finest—the fatal, tragic shootings that shook us to our core," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "But our shock and sorrow cannot compare to the heart-wrenching grief and adversity the families of Detectives Liu and Ramos face right now. This holiday season, I urge all New Yorkers to give what they can to support the families of these courageous men and our police department. Detectives Ramos and Liu were—and always will be—heroes that dedicated their lives to serving others and protecting their communities. Initiatives like this relief effort can help their loved ones start to piece their lives back together, and cultivate stronger police-community relations across New York."

"New Yorkers stand strong and solid by the families of Detectives Liu and Ramos and our NYPD," said **First Lady Chirlane McCray**. "The Mayor's Fund is prepared to use every tool at its disposal to support these families and help nurture positive police-community relations borough-wide. With the generous support of our donors and the magnanimous spirit the people of New York City always show in a crisis, we can emerge from this tragedy as a stronger city."

Through this three-tier effort, the Mayor's Fund is collecting and will direct donations to local charities working with the families of the fallen officers, raise awareness and educate New Yorkers about various volunteer opportunities in their neighborhoods, and support ongoing programs that help bring police and community closer together.

Learn more about the Fallen Heroes Relief Effort:

GIVE

The Mayor's Fund is working in conjunction with the NYPD to grant financial support to organizations including The Daily News Charities for the Ramos and Liu families, The Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund, the Heroes Fund of the New York City Police Foundation, and the NYC PBA Widows' and Children's Fund. [Contribute](#) today to support the families of Detectives Liu and Officer Ramos and the broader law enforcement community.

VOLUNTEER

During any season—but especially this holiday season—volunteering is a powerful way to give back and support our City and families in need. Through initiatives like NYC Service, New Yorkers can find opportunities that work to engage, heal, and support our neighbors and neighborhoods. [Search](#) volunteer opportunities by skill, borough and interest today.

SUPPORT

New York City has a rich history of supporting community-based programs that foster collaboration, promote relationship building, and advance a dialogue between our City's police and the communities they serve and protect. The Mayor's Fund is working with several partners to expand programs such as the Police Athletic League, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and more recent initiatives like the NYPD Youth Leadership Councils. [Support](#) these and other police and community partnership efforts today.

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