



CITY OF KISSIMMEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Kissimmee Police Department, it is my pleasure to offer a letter of support for *Mercy Foundation*, as they have proven to be an outstanding Community Partner in the Central Florida area. The success of the Kissimmee Police Department is founded on the positive relationships and trust earned within the community we serve. The Mercy Foundation is an instrumental partner in allowing us to create lasting relationships while impacting lives via a variety of community initiatives established by the Foundation.

The Mercy Foundation operates out of the Marydia Community Center located in Kissimmee, FL. The Foundation has a demonstrated history of providing critical support to our community through healthcare providers, educational experiences, victim advocates, empowerment seminars, and assisting our homeless population.

The Mercy Foundation has partnered with The Harbor House of Central Florida which is a social services organization and domestic violence shelter to provide women empowerment and educational seminars. The Foundation has coordinated multiple Immigration Programs and Town Hall Meetings through Congressman Darron Soto's Office. Local Attorneys, and appropriate Governmental Leaders provide current information on a variety of issues relating to immigration status and travel concerns.

The Mercy Foundation has enlisted the services of a cadre of local Physicians to establish free healthcare clinics located in Orange, Osceola, and Polk Counties to meet the needs of those who do not have adequate healthcare available. The Foundation has designated educational opportunities to address first generation college students for families who have traditionally not experienced education beyond the level of High School. As part of educating our community, the Foundation has provided free tax information and services for those in need.

The Mercy Foundation is a critical component in meeting the needs of our community with a special emphasis on those less fortunate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey M. O'Dell".

Jeffrey M. O'Dell
Chief of Police

