

2,784 Days...



Dear Friends,

This is the time of year when we slow down and create space to be intentionally grateful for what fills our lives.

There is so much to be thankful for and I love the simplicity and beauty of keeping a gratitude list. I have a well-loved notebook that I bring out this time of year to capture moments and memories I treasure.

I was looking through this journal and the first entry I have related to working for Behind the Badge Foundation was in the spring of 2014... 2,784 days ago to be exact. So much has been packed into each one of those days.

Behind the Badge Foundation is committed to serving law enforcement families at times of great need. It has been a humbling experience to be part of the work of honoring and remembering.

The past 7 years have been more than I could have imagined when I said “yes” to being part of the BtBF family. Getting to know each one of you and being able to participate in life with you has been a gift. I know my boots have stood on holy



The 2022 Behind the Badge Foundation Calendars are coming!

The office is brimming with boxes filled with cheer! Volunteer elves will be stuffing envelopes next week and shipping them out to you!

If you do not receive your calendar, please let us know and we will be happy to send one to you!

Have You Registered Yet?



**Sunday, January 23, 2022
10:00 am**

Sky River Park in Monroe, WA

NEW This Year!
10th Annual 5k Challenge Coin
Commemorative Hoodie
Commemorative Race Day Shirt

ground.

I have loved every survivor event, law enforcement conference and training, and every ordinary workday. Getting to know people from all over Washington that I now count as friends has been such a delight. You are all the reason the world is still a good place.

I will be leaving my job with BtBF the end of December. I can't begin a new chapter without saying thank you so much to everyone at Behind the Badge Foundation. I will be forever grateful to all of you. I would especially like to thank the staff for letting me be part of something so incredibly special. Thank you, Brian, Meg, Tracy! Lisa, Vicky (Kim and Kit, too!) for making every day a joy.

And Gayle...working with you has been more than I have words to express. It's hard to say goodbye to working with you every day. You are much more than a colleague; you are one of my dearest friends and I love you with my whole heart. I am grateful friendship isn't defined by shared goals but by shared hearts. You and your whole family will always, always have a such a special place in my heart! The following quote from your beloved Tolkien seems fitting here:

"The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater."
— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Although the time has come for me to say goodbye to this time with BtBF - to each of you, I am only saying, "See you later!" If you are ever on Whidbey Island, stop by and say hello. My door is always open!

Much love,
Cindi



Jayme L. Biendl
Department of Corrections
EOW: 01/29/2011



Behind the Badge Foundation would like to thank everyone that gave a gift on Giving Tuesday.

Your generosity and support will further our work into 2022 and bring together new programs, training, and events for law enforcement across Washington State.

Coming 2022

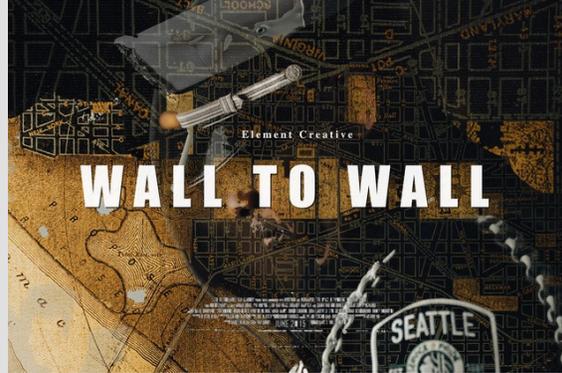


**From our family at
Behind the Badge Foundation
to yours...**

**We would like to wish you a very
Happy Holidays!**

The Foundation will have limited office hours December 24 through January 3 so that we can celebrate the holidays with friends and family.

Should you need anything,
please don't hesitate to reach out.
425-747-7523



This hour-long film follows the journey of a very special wooden box filled with letters, pictures, and mementos that traveled from the Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial in Olympia, WA to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC in May of 2021 when our Washington State survivors could not travel to honor their officer.

We are honored that we were able to bring this creative endeavor to life for our families, agencies, and communities.

**This film will continue to have a limited release*

Who Do You Drive For? Tell us your story!



Send your story to
tracy@behindthebadgefoundation.org

*****First 5 submissions will receive a
special thank you from BTBF!***

Over 10,000 vehicles in Washington State have Law Enforcement Memorial License Plates and we want to hear your stories!

Why did you choose an LEM Plate?
Who do honor with your plate?
Is your plate personalized?

Behind the Badge Foundation will gather all of your stories and publish them on our social media (with your permission!) throughout 2022 to incentivize others to do the same!

