

Dear Rockford Community Members,

We are reaching out on behalf of Friends of the Rockford Police K9 Unit, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Rockford Police Department's K9 unit. Today, we are writing with a heartfelt request to join us in honoring one of Rockford's finest – K9 Nyx, a brave and loyal K9 partner who gave her life in the line of duty on January 28, 2024, while defending her handler, Officer John Vargas.

K9 Nyx was more than just a working dog; she was a beloved partner to her handler and a protector of our community. Her sacrifice touched us all and highlighted the crucial role that K9 officers play in ensuring our safety. To honor Nyx's courage and to keep her legacy alive, Friends of the Rockford Police K9 Unit has commissioned a bronze statue in her likeness. This statue will stand as a powerful reminder of her service and dedication and as a tribute to the essential work of all K9 officers.

But we need your help to make this tribute a reality. We are inviting community members, local businesses, and organizations to become sponsors for this important memorial. Sponsorship levels range from \$1,000 to \$25,000, with each level offering unique recognition opportunities, including your name or logo on promotional materials, features in media releases, and tickets to the exclusive unveiling event on February 21, 2025, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Franchesco's Ristorante in Rockford, IL.

Your sponsorship or donation will not only help honor K9 Nyx but will also contribute to future support for the Rockford Police K9 Unit, ensuring that they have the resources they need to continue serving and protecting our community.

Together, we can make this statue a reality and ensure that K9 Nyx's legacy is remembered for generations. Please find a sponsorship form enclosed with this letter, where you can select a level that feels right for you or your organization. We would be honored to have you join us in this meaningful project.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back and to show your support for the courageous members of Rockford's K9 team. If you have questions or would like to discuss this project further, please reach out to us at (262) 880-3977 or kathyjgh@hotmail.com.

With gratitude,

Kathy Hansen Board President Friends of the Rockford Police K9 Unit

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## HONORING K9NYX E.O.W. 1/28/2024

K9 Nyx lost her life while protecting her handler Officer John Vargas in the line of duty. Her story has touched countless hearts, symbolizing the deep bond between K9 officers and their handlers.



K9 Nyx will be the first Rockford Police canine to be memorialized in a life-like bronze statue that will forever stand as a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice she made to keep Rockford families safe.

Honor K9 Nyx when you sponsor this beautiful life-like bronze statue and join Friends of the Rockford Police K9 Unit, members of the Rockford Police Department, and other community members for a private statue unveiling event on February 21, 2025 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Franchesco's Ristorante in Rockford, IL.

For more information, contact: Friends of Rockford Police K9 Kathy J. Hansen, Board President 5484 Ter Maat Court Roscoe, IL 61073 (262) 880-3977 friendsofrockfordpolicek9.com



## **SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**



SPONSORSHIP LEVEL Private Unveiling Ticket Value \$75 Each	PRESENTING \$25,000 6 TICKETS TO PRIVATE UNVEILING	PLATINUM \$10,000 4 TICKETS TO PRIVATE UNVEILING	GOLD \$5,000 2 TICKETS TO PRIVATE UNVEILING	SILVER \$2,500 50% DISCOUNT ON 2 TICKETS TO PRIVATE UNVEILING	BRONZE \$1,000
Most prominent name/logo on all associated fundraising and event communications	Х				
Speaking opportunity at private and public unveiling events	Х				
Name displayed on bronze statue plaque	Х	Х			
Signed photo of Officer Vargas with the K9 Nyx statue	Х	Х	Х		
Name/logo on all associated fundraising and event communications	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Name/logo on website and social media platforms	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Company or Individual NameAddress					
Sponsorship Level					

Contact Person\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Friends of Rockford Police K9 and mail with this sponsorship form to Kathy J. Hansen, 5484 Ter Maat Court, Roscoe, IL 61073 or donate online at friendsofrockfordpolicek9.com or facebook/RCPDK9. Call or email Kathy at (262) 880-3977 or friendsofrockfordpolicek9@gmail.com with questions. Donations made to the Friends of Rockford Police K9 Unit (501c3) are tax deductible.