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2021 Boots & Badge Gala Postponed due to Covid19

Behind the Badge Charities continues college scholarships and First Responder assistance, but postpones fundraising during Covid19.

Fort Bend County, Texas (November 3, 2020) – First Responders from all around Fort Bend County risk their lives every day for citizens they’ve never met. Firefighters run into burning buildings, police officers chase armed robbers, and emergency medical technicians offer lifesaving breaths. These first responders leave their families at home to do an often thankless job few of us would do.

Every year, Behind the Badge Charities awards college scholarships to the children of first responders working in Fort Bend County and emergency financial assistance to Fort Bend County’s first responders. The Covid19 pandemic has brought with it difficult times for much of our nation and Fort Bend County’s first responders are on the front lines.

After countless discussions and internal deliberations, the Behind the Badge Charities board of directors has decided to postpone the 2021 Boots & Badges Gala in the interest of public health for the hundreds of first responders and charitable citizens who attend each year. It takes months of planning and preparation to put on the Boots & Badges Gala each year and the uncertainty of Covid19 has made planning almost impossible.

Behind the Badge Charities will continue awarding scholarships and providing emergency financial assistance. We look forward to welcoming you to our next fundraising event which will be announced on our website.

Annually, Behind the Badge Charities provides up to 30 college scholarships valued at \$2,000 each to deserving young men and women. Scholarship applications will become available soon and must be submitted by March 31, 2021. Eligible applicants can apply at:

www.behindthebadgecharities.org/scholarships

Fort Bend County first responders needing emergency financial assistance can apply at: www.behindthebadgecharities.org/first-responder-assistance

About Behind the Badge Charities

Founded on January 5, 2011, Behind the Badge Charities is a local organization whose Board of Directors volunteer to serve more than 2,500 First Responders in Fort Bend County, Texas. The mission of Behind the Badge Charities is to provide support and assistance to all first responders working in Fort Bend County through emergency assistance grants and college scholarships for their children. Behind the Badge Charities has provided over \$500,000 in assistance and scholarships since 2011.

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