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\$10,000 Gift Presented To Go Towards Gang Prevention

(Harrisonburg, VA) - The Harrisonburg Police Foundation received a gift today in the amount of \$10,000 from Mrs. Debbie Songer, the Mother of Ben Grassle, a 19 year-old Harrisonburg resident and upcoming JMU student, who was the victim of a homicide by a known gang member on December 23, 2012.

The gift is earmarked for the Gang Task Force for use against gang recruitment, educational training for our city and county's youth, and equipment necessary to fight gang activity. Corporal Philip Wonderley of the C.H.A.R.G.E. Gang Task Force stated, "This donation was unexpected, but very much appreciated."

The C.H.A.R.G.E. Gang Task Force is a joint effort between Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, James Madison University Police and the Harrisonburg Police Department.

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