

OPD Gathering Donations for the Perez Family

On January 26, 2011, Motor and Patrol officers and Evidence Technicians responded to a tragic traffic accident that claimed the life of 1-year-old Mahetzi Perez. Despite profound grief at the loss of their baby girl, Mahetzi's parents are reaching out to help others. They have offered to donate their daughter's organs to help other families.

Galvanized by this tragedy, Area 3 personnel are gathering money to donate to the family for funeral expenses. This is a working class family in need of financial assistance to lay their daughter to rest. Thus far staff has raised \$1,100 and the OPOA has contributed another \$500.

(For more information, see the [Oakland Tribune story](#) by Kristen Bender.)