



Franklin Township: Third grader forgoes birthday presents to raise money for police officers

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SOMERSET, NJ - A third grader from Franklin Township rallied her friends and family to donate \$300 to help get bulletproof vests for police officers.

Meghna Sankar, a 9-year-old from Franklin Township, choose to forgo presents for her birthday this year and instead asked for donations for the police department.

Shankar and her friends raised \$236 and her parents contributed an additional \$64 to make it an even \$300. The money she raised was donated to the Franklin Township Police Department's bulletproof vest fund.

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The fund buys bulletproof vests for police officers, said Chief Richard Grammar of the Franklin Township Police Department.

"We have five officers coming out of the academy on Friday, so I'm sure they're going to be very thankful for all the support," Grammar said. "She's a remarkable young lady."