

FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER HOME PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

IN THE LINE OF DUTY PROGRAMS

To honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation developed the **In the Line of Duty Program, which provides mortgage-free homes** to our nation's catastrophically injured veterans and first responders, as well as Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children.

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The Tunnel to Towers Foundation's Fallen First Responder Home Program pays off the mortgages for the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty or pass away from 9/11-related illnesses and leave behind young children.

The Fallen First Responder Home Program began with the assassination of two on-duty NYPD officers, Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu. The men were shot and killed on December 20, 2014 in the Bedford–Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Tunnel to Towers paid off the mortgages on the homes of these two heroes who were gunned down for simply wearing the uniform of the NYPD.

For over a decade, the Fallen First Responder Home Program has supported fallen first responder families in nearly every state across America.

In 2021, to address the growing need, Tunnel to Towers expanded the program to support the families of first responders who have lost their lives to 9/11 illnesses and leave young children behind.

The Fallen First Responder Home Program provides stability following the sudden and tragic loss of a loved one. The Foundation steps in to assure the family they can stay in their home, school, and community, without the financial burden of a mortgage.

Tunnel to Towers has made a promise to all of America's first responders that if you go to work protecting your community, kiss your spouse and children goodbye, and do not return home, Tunnel to Towers will protect the family you leave behind with a mortgage-free home.



OUR MISSION

On September 11, 2001, FDNY firefighter Stephen Siller laid down his life to save others when America was attacked. For over 20 years, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation has honored Stephen's legacy **by supporting the heroes who continue to risk life and limb in the line of duty.**

To date, Tunnel to Towers has delivered over 1,500 mortgage-free homes to our nation's heroes and committed over \$1 billion across all of our programs.

This year, the Foundation is delivering **over 200 mortgage-free homes** to catastrophically injured veterans and first responders, as well as Gold Star families and families of fallen first responders who leave behind young children. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001.

ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

Tunnel to Towers is committed to practicing sound fiscal management, organizational efficiency and program integrity.

The Foundation keeps fundraising and administrative costs to a minimum, with only a small percentage of funds allocated to overhead expenses.

In 2024, the Foundation's program service percentage on average was 93% — 93 cents out of every dollar went directly to our programs and services.

For ten years running, the Foundation has achieved the highest rating, four stars, from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities.