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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 Gold Star Family Home Program honors the legacy of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country by providing the surviving spouses and young children with mortgage-free homes or paying off their mortgages.

Announced in 2018, the Gold Star Family Home Program has been providing mortgage-free homes across the country, giving families the opportunity to relocate or paying off their mortgage so they can remain in the home they shared with their loved one without worrying about the financial burden of a mortgage.

In 2022, Tunnel to Towers opened its Let Us Do Good Village in Land O' Lakes, Florida. The Village will become a community of nearly 100 injured veterans, Gold Star families, and fallen first responder families.

The first home in the Village was given to Danielle Thornton, an Army Veteran and Gold Star Spouse, and her two children. The Thornton family is looking forward to living in a community where the residents can relate to each other through shared experiences of loss and hope for the future.

Tunnel to Towers has made a promise to all of America's service members that if you volunteer to serve your country, 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.