

# SMART 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.

### SMART HOME PROGRAM

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation's Smart Home Program builds specially-adapted, mortgage-free smart homes that help our most catastrophically injured veterans and first responders to reclaim their day-to-day independence.

Tunnel to Towers is based on Staten Island, New York. The first smart home was built in the borough for U.S. Army Specialist Brendan Marrocco, a quadruple-amputee and the first service member to survive after losing all four limbs in combat. He received his home in 2011.

For over a decade, Tunnel to Towers has built mortgage-free smart homes around the country and expanded the program to provide smart homes to catastrophically injured first responders.

Tunnel to Towers smart homes feature automated lighting, wider halls and doorways, special showers to accommodate wheelchairs, automatic door openers, stove tops that can be raised and lowered to wheelchair height, backup generators, security and fire protection systems, and central heating and air conditioning systems that can be controlled by an app.



### 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.**