



# 2022 FACT SHEET

## 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.**

In 2022, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation has a **goal to deliver 1,000 mortgage-free homes to our nation's heroes** by the end of the year.

## ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

**OVER 94%** 3% Fundraising  
3% Management & General

Of Fundraising Dollars  
Went Directly To Programs

**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.

For the past several years, the Foundation's program service percentage on average was over 94% - **94 cents out of every dollar goes directly to our programs and services.** Program service ratio is a key barometer used to measure operating effectiveness.

The organization's Chairman and CEO, Frank Siller, is an uncompensated volunteer. **For eight years running, the Foundation has achieved the highest rating, four stars from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities.**



## 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, and Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children.

### \* SMART HOME PROGRAM

The Foundation custom builds specially adapted mortgage-free smart homes that help our most catastrophically injured veterans and first responders to reclaim their day-to-day independence.

### \* FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM

The Foundation pays-off the mortgages for the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty with young children. In 2021, Tunnel to Towers expanded the program to support the families of first responders who have lost their lives to 9/11 illnesses.

### \* GOLD STAR FAMILY HOME PROGRAM

The Foundation honors the legacy of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country by paying off the mortgage or providing the surviving spouses and young children with mortgage-free homes.

## HOMELESS VETERANS

**In 2022, Tunnel to Towers launched a new national campaign aimed at eradicating homelessness in the Veteran community.** In addition to housing support, the foundation will also provide comprehensive care by connecting veterans with appropriate local services that include mental health counseling, skills training, and addiction support.

## NEVER FORGET PROGRAMS

On September 11, 2001 nearly 3,000 people lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks. **We pause to remember those who lost their lives and those who continue to suffer by vowing to "Never Forget."** The foundation embodies this act of remembering through hundreds of events across the nation.