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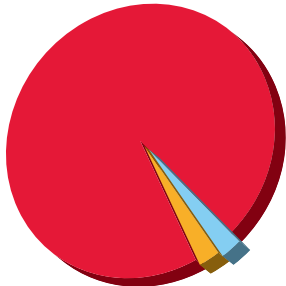**T2T.ORG**

# 2023 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.**

To date, Tunnel to Towers has delivered over 1,000 mortgage-free homes to our nation's heroes and committed over $500 million across all of our programs.

This year the Foundation is delivering **over 200 mortgage-free homes** to catastrophically injured veterans and first responders, Gold Star families, families of first responders who leave behind young children and more than **1,500 housing units** to combat veteran homelessness.

## ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY
### IN 2022



# 95%
**of Fundraising Dollars Went Directly to Programs**

## 2.5%
**Fundraising**

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**Management & General**

**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 2022, the Foundation's program service percentage on average was 95% — 95 cents out of every dollar went directly to our programs and services. Tunnel to Towers' Chairman and CEO, Frank Siller, is an uncompensated volunteer.

**For nine 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, Gold Star, and fallen first responder families with young children.

### ★ SMART HOME PROGRAM

The Foundation 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, pass away from 9/11-related illnesses, and leave behind young children.

### ★ 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, the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation launched a new national campaign to eradicate homelessness in the Veteran community.** This program provides a stable home and a wide range of needed services to diagnose and solve the root causes of veteran homelessness, addressing a veteran's specific emotional, financial, and physical issues.

In the program's first year, through grants and partnerships Tunnel to Towers has helped to provide 500 housing units and services to homeless veterans in their time of need.

**This year Tunnel to Towers is providing more than 1,500 housing units and services to veterans.** The Foundation believes no veteran should be living on the streets of the country they signed up to protect.

## NEVER FORGET PROGRAMS

**The Tunnel to Towers Foundation made a promise to "NEVER FORGET" those lost on 9/11 and the continued impact the attacks have on America and its first responders.**

To keep that promise and educate future generations, the Foundation engages people in events across America and is educating future generations. The Foundation launched the Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Institute™ in 2022.

The Institute comprises 9/11 Curriculum, the "Discovering Heroes®" Book series, a 9/11 Speakers Bureau, the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit and Russell F. Siller Memorial Scholarships.

The Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Institute™ Curriculum Units are unique and age appropriate for all K-12 students. By the end of 2022, the Institute's Curriculum Units were in use in 47 states and Puerto Rico.