



# 2021 FACT SHEET

## OUR MISSION

On September 11, 2001, FDNY firefighter Stephen Siller laid down his life to save others when America was attacked.

For 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 mark its 20th anniversary, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation has **promised to deliver 200 mortgage-free homes to our nation's heroes throughout 2021.**

## ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

**95%** **3%** FUNDRAISING  
**2%** 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.

The Foundation's program service percentage on average is 95% – **95 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 seven 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 PROGRAM

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.



By the end of 2021, the Foundation will have delivered **450** homes.

## 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.