# 2020 FACT SHEET

## **OUR MISSION**

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the sacrifice of FDNY firefighter Stephen Siller, who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY**

**93**%



*Of Fundraising Dollars Went Directly To Programs* 

Since its inception, the Foundation has been committed to practicing sound fiscal management, organizational efficiency and program integrity. Tunnel to Towers keeps fundraising and administrative costs at 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 93% - 93 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 six 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

Firefighter Stephen Siller sacrificed his life in service to others and, in his memory, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation developed the In the Line of Duty Program to honor our heroes. This program supports our nation's veterans, and Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children. The Foundation has committed more than \$250 million in support of our nation's greatest heroes and their families. By the end of 2020, the Foundation will have delivered 250 mortgage-free homes.

#### Smart Home Program

The Foundation builds specially adapted smart homes that help our most catastrophically injured veterans to reclaim their day-to-day independence.

## Fallen First Responder Home Program

The Foundation pays off the mortgages for the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty who leave behind young children. The Foundation's goal is to ensure stability and security to these families facing sudden tragic loss.

## Gold Star Family Home Program

The Foundation 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.

