



Annual Report 2018

OUR MISSION



The ***First Responders Children's Foundation*** (FRCF) recognizes that the line-of-duty loss or disability of a parent impacts a child for a *lifetime*. Regardless of how long ago the tragedy occurred, the FRCF is committed to providing long-term support to the children and families of our heroic fallen law enforcement officers and firefighters through:

College Scholarships
Emergency Grants
Institutional Grants
Family-friendly events

[View our video reel here.](#)

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER



*Alfred Kahn
Founder and President*

Every day law enforcement officers and firefighters put their lives on the line to protect our communities. These first responders draw courage from the knowledge that society will be there for their children if something tragic should happen in the line of duty.

When a child, a spouse, a family suffers a line of duty death or permanent disability, the heartbreaking loss is forever. The First Responders Children's Foundation (FRCF) believes when that ultimate sacrifice has been made it is our duty to help the children of our fallen heroes achieve their full potential as thriving members of the community.

This is a long-term commitment - a promise to the people who put our safety first.

We are grateful for your donations and your support.

OUR HISTORY



Alfred R. Kahn, Founder of the First Responders Children's Foundation (FRCF) hosted the first annual Thanksgiving Parade Breakfast in November, 2001 – just after the 9/11 tragedy. His hope was to provide the families who had suffered tragic line-of-duty losses with a positive, supportive and festive atmosphere as they entered what was sure to be a very difficult holiday season.

The overwhelming response from these families underscored for Mr. Kahn (who himself had lost a parent at a young age) that the impact of each child's loss was going to last a *lifetime*.

While the families of 9/11 victims received massive support through newly established 9/11 Foundations - what of those families who face tragic line of duty deaths or disabilities every day outside of the national spotlight? How were those children going to survive and thrive?

In 2002 Mr. Kahn founded the National Law Enforcement & Firefighters Children's Foundation (NLEAFCF) incorporated as a non-profit organization to help line-of-duty families suffering line-of-duty losses *across the country*.

OUR HISTORY



While continuing the tradition of the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast, the NLEAFCF began distributing special need grants in 2005. The very first \$2,500 grant went to support the DEA Survivor Fund in Washington, DC.

By 2006 another \$60,000 had been disbursed to first responder families covering medical bills, family therapy and other emergency needs in addition to funding the production of PSA's for fire safety.

In 2007 the NLEAFCF began distributing college scholarships in addition to individual and organizational grants. To date the organization has distributed **over \$780,000** awarding **206 scholarships** and **83 grants** to families and organizations in **36 states**. Another **\$1,300,000** has been spent on **family-friendly programming and events** such as our annual Thanksgiving Parade Breakfast for the families of our fallen heroes.

November 2017 the foundation began operating under the broader D/B/A of the **First Responders Children's Foundation**.

In 2018 we will host our 18th annual Thanksgiving Parade Breakfast and award our 13th round of grants and scholarships.



OUR HISTORY



"Your Thanksgiving event brings so much joy to so many people – I can't begin to tell you how much everyone (including me) appreciates it!!"
- Chief Joseph J. Esposito NYPD

"It is only appropriate that we should be there to protect your children if, heaven forbid, something happens to you – and we will be."
- John Chamber, CEO Cisco, accepting the first NLEAFCF Corporate Hero Awardee



2005
First institutional grants awarded to DEA Fund and DEA Museum

2007
Vitoria Ovis Memorial Scholarship created



2009
The NLEAFCF hosts the 2009 Law Enforcement Exploring Spring Competition at - over 450 Explorers from New York City's five boroughs competed in different law enforcement scenarios for awards.



2013
First Hero Awards Gala
Creation of Vincent Bennett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship



2016
Sal Cassano receives Public Service Hero Award at annual Thanksgiving Breakfast



2002
NLEAFCF established



2006
First scholarships and family grants awarded



2008
NLEAFCF sponsors FDNY mobile CPR training program



2010-2011
NLEAFCF creates Fire Safety Month PSA's to teach children about fire safety and fire prevention. Televised on CW Saturday mornings and on FDNY kiosks around NYC



2015
15th Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast



2017
First Responders Children's Foundation DBA

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my educational goals possible. It means the world to me and my family now and forever more."
- Christine Mettler

LINE OF DUTY FATALITIES

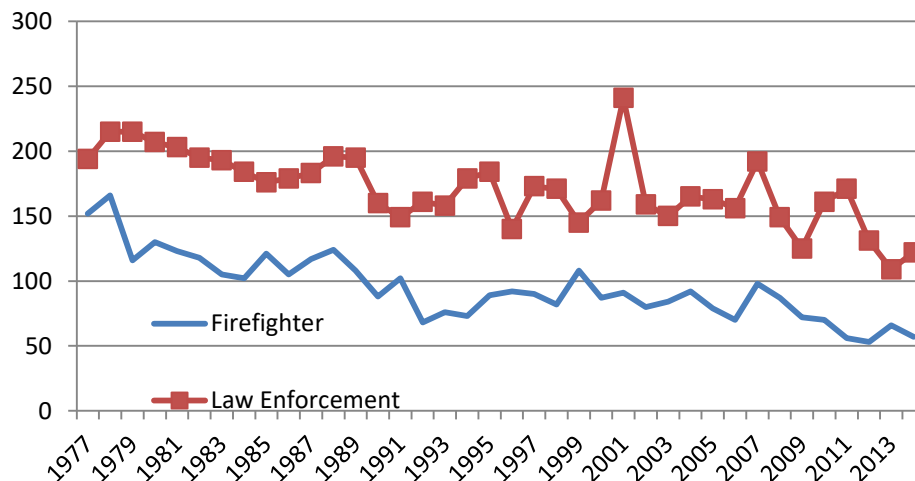


Day in and day out, our nation's law enforcement officers and firefighters put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

Each year an average of **64** firefighters perish in the line of duty and tens of thousands are injured.* Many of these are volunteer firefighters without pension programs or unions to support the ongoing need of their families.

In the past 10 years, 1,355 law enforcement officers gave their lives protecting the public – an average of **135** per year. On average each officer leaves behind 2 children.**

These brave first responders are able to step in harm's way each day because they believe the community will be there to protect and care for their families should the ultimate tragedy occur. The FRCF strives to serve this need.



Excludes 340 deaths at World Trade Center 2001

**National Fire Protection Association report : "Firefighter Fatalities in the United States 2016"*

***National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund statistics*

HERO AWARDS



Al Kahn, Holland Taylor, The Honorable Rudolph Giuliani (Public Service Hero Award recipient), John T. Chambers of Cisco Systems (Corporate Hero Award recipient) and Emcee Joan Lunden at the NLEAFCF's first annual Hero Awards Gala; Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams presents 2016 Public Service Hero Award to Salvatore Cassano with Alfred Kahn and Jillian Crane; NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill presents 2017 Public Service Hero Award to Chief Chaplain Rabbi Alvin Kass with Al Kahn and Jillian Crane

The **National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Children's Foundation** first **Hero Awards Gala** took place on Monday, September 23, 2013 at the Edison Ballroom in New York City.

In a room filled with uniformed heroes and the highest ranking officials from local and national law enforcement and firefighting agencies, we presented the **Corporate Hero Award to John T. Chambers, CEO Cisco System**, and the **Public Service Hero Award to the Honorable Rudolph Giuliani, former Mayor City of New York**. These awards recognize our honorees' work and passion in support of our uniformed officers and firefighters as well as their commitment of providing for the children of those lost in the line of duty. **Sponsors of the event fund tables for our first responders**. During the evening our uniformed heroes, in addition to our honorees, are acknowledged for their service and sacrifice.

Subsequent Hero Award honorees include:

Emanuele Conti, CEO Kroll – Corporate Service Hero Award 2014

William Bratton, Police Commissioner New York City – Public Service Hero Award 2014

Salvatore Cassano, Fire Commissioner New York City (ret.) – Public Service Hero Award 2016

NYPD Chief Chaplain Rabbi Alvin Kass – Public Service Hero Award 2017

THANKSGIVING



A cornerstone event each year, the FRCF **Thanksgiving Parade Breakfast** hosts families who have suffered a line-of-duty loss for a hot breakfast and an up-close view of the famed **Macy's Thanksgiving Parade**. The event is **free** for all of the kids and their families. It features great food, fun, and the chance to gather and heal a sorrow which can be particularly difficult during the holiday season.

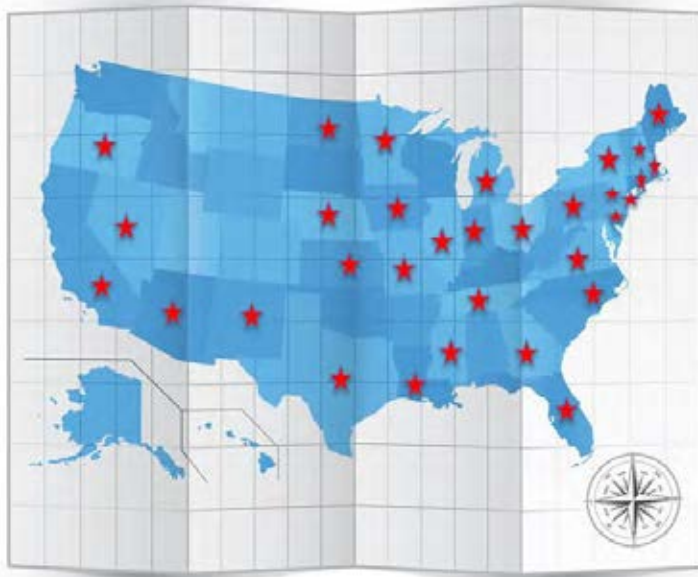
In 2017 over 1000 kids and family members from the **NYPD, FDNY, NJ Port Authority PD, Nassau County PD, Uniformed Court Officers,** and **Wounded Warriors** joined us at the Bryant Park Grill and along the parade route for the **17th anniversary** of this very special thanksgiving breakfast. In the past 17 years we have hosted over **20,000** kids and family members and helped them memorialize their lost loved ones on Thanksgiving morning.

[Watch our Thanksgiving Event Video](#)

[Check out our photo galleries](#)



SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS



Since 2005, the NLEAFCF has distributed over **\$851,000** for **321** scholarships and grants across **37** states.

"The award that I was given is much more significant than its dollar value. It represents a way to keep my father's memory alive. My appreciation is indescribable in words and your generosity will never be forgotten!"

- Frederick Soller, scholarship recipient 2007 – 2010

"Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity and making all of this possible. I've been very busy, but I made the Dean's list this semester and I'm currently lifeguarding and playing club soccer for SLU."

- McCaela Prentice, scholarship recipient 2015-2016

College Scholarships – FRCF scholarships recognize financial need, academic merit and other achievements including demonstrated leadership in volunteering to benefit the community and outstanding performance in sports or the arts.

In addition to our general scholarship fund, the FRCF administers two memorial scholarship funds honoring individuals whose lives were dedicated to supporting first responders – the **Victoria Ovis Memorial Scholarship** and the **Vincent Bennett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**.

Grants to families – FRCF individual grants provide financial assistance for an immediate need due to the tragic circumstances for line of duty and active duty families.

Grants to Law Enforcement and Fire Department Organizations - FRCF organizational grants support, promote, and facilitate educational activities or programs, run by entities affiliated with law enforcement or fire departments, which educate and benefit the children in their communities.

2017/18 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Edward Allegretti – **University of Illinois Champaign**
Madison Aponte – **Casleton State University**
Xavier Austin – **Montclair State University**
Taylor Bauer – **University of Nevada**
Luke Botkins – **Otterbein University**
Mia Botkins – **Youngstown State University**
Tarnisa Capone – **University of South Carolina**
Colin Caracciola – **Eastern Kentucky University**
Joshua Crisp - **Lewis & Clark**
Brian Damon, Jr. – **Penn State University**
Keahi Favela – **Chapman University**
Kate Galiardo – **DePaul University**
Sean Gillam – **University of New Hampshire**
Cameron Haring – **Siena College**
Ashley Howey – **Baker University School of Nursing**
Kristen Kaiser – **Wagner College**
Lindsey Kalinowski – **Clemson University**
Nicole Kalinowski – **Quinnipiac University**
Christina Lettich – **School of Visual Arts**
Elizabeth Lohle – **Boston College**
Blake McDonald – **University of Florida**
Gabrielle McGovern – **Trinity College**
Brett Moon – **Kansas State University**
Taylor Moss – **College of the Holy Cross**
Lauren Perri – **Arizona State University**
McCaella Prentice – **St. Lawrence University**
Allison Roberts – **Stonehill College**
Kendall Rudie – **John Carroll University**
Payton Selby – **Mississippi State University**
Taylor Selby – **Mississippi State University**
Jason Shandler – **Cornell University**
Jordan Williams – **Kennesaw State University**



Philadelphia PD Officer (former scholarship recipient) Chris Ryan with his mom Debbie and NLEAFCF Founder/President Alfred Kahn Thanksgiving 2014. *photo by Anton Martynov*

"Thank you for the honor and privilege of receiving your scholarship. I hope to make you proud and I will use it wisely."

- Chris Ryan, scholarship recipient 2009 - 2011
(now a Philadelphia Police officer)

"With help from NLEAFCF, I was able to attend Syracuse University where I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a double Major in Accounting and Finance. I went on to a Master of Accountancy at the University of Notre Dame, a dream my father had for me and kidded me about when I was just entering kindergarten."

- Brendan Boesch, scholarship recipient 2006-2010
(now a CPA at Ernst & Young in Manhattan)

PAST GRANT RECIPIENTS



"There are no words that ease the pain of a family who has lost someone in the line of duty. But we owe it to the children left behind to provide all of the financial and emotional support we can"

– Commissioner Daniel Nigro
Fire Department of New York

Gerry Ahearn
Akron Police Explorers
Bedford Police Dept.
Eileen Bellew
Mark Bender
Adam Bishop
Cambria Jr. Firefighters
Ed and Audra Carney
Philip Carrube
Michael Caselli
Pei Xia Chen
Nereida Clark
D.A.R.E Massachusetts
DEA Survivor s BenefitFund
DEA Museum Foundation
Disaster Chaplaincy Services
Benjamin Deen Family
Xochitl S. Fregoza De Rojas Family
FDNY Foundation
Fire & Police Widow's and Children's Fund
Gardena Police Dept. Explorer Program
Diane Trout Griffith
Greenburg Police Dept.Explorers
Sylvia Healy Family

Tricia Hubbard
Joanne Iburg
Inwood Fire Department
Law Enforcement Explorers Academy
Debbie Kenner
Jessica Martinson
Michael McBride
Mary McEntee
Margaret Mosomillo
Christine Mettler
Mt. Vernon Explorers Program
Nassau County Law Enforcement Exploring
NY Fire & Police Widow's & Children's Fund
Kerrie Orozco Family Fund
Donna Mae Resch
Patriots Path Council, BSA
Maritza Ramos
Ariel Rodriquez
Robert Rosas Family
Deborah Ryan
Juan Sanchez Family
Gina Marie Schimenti
Cindy Smith
Ebony Sutherland
Theodore Roosevelt Council
Tuesday's Children
Ruby Walton
Ella M. Washington
White Plains Explorers

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\$25,000 +

Fidelity Charitable Foundation

\$10,000 +

Marilyn & James Simons Charitable Fund

\$5,000 +

Global Foundation for First Responders
Emmerman Stockhausen Foundation

\$2,500 +

Under \$2,500

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INDIVIDUAL DONORS

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\$5,000 +

Eugene Cheng

Rudolph Giuliani

Içim and Mark Miller

\$2,500 +

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\$1,000 +

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Michael Rodriguez

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Andrew Alborn

J Nelson Allen

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Martha Aronson

Madelyn Baker

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Under \$1,000 (continued)

Stephen Barrett

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Kedar Bhatia

Glynn Behman

Erica Berman

Lisa Burton

Brian Bushell

John Cabral

Moises Cabrera

Natize Capobianco

Magesh Chandramouli

Mary Conrad

Sandra Cooper

Julie Cordo

Richard Daly

Stuart & Beverly Denenberg

Frederick DeSoto

James Diggs

Daniel Dill

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Elin Eggertsdottir

Abra Evanoff

Stephen Fahy

Horatio Falcon, Jr.

Anthony Farina

Michael Fedorko

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Under \$1,000 (continued)

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Buddy Miller

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2017/18 SUPPORTERS

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Broadway Dreams student Isabelle Gottfried sings the National Anthem at the 2016 Thanksgiving Parade Breakfast, with New York City Police Commissioner James O'Neill.

***Thank you for supporting
tomorrow's heroes – the
children of those lost in
the line of duty.***

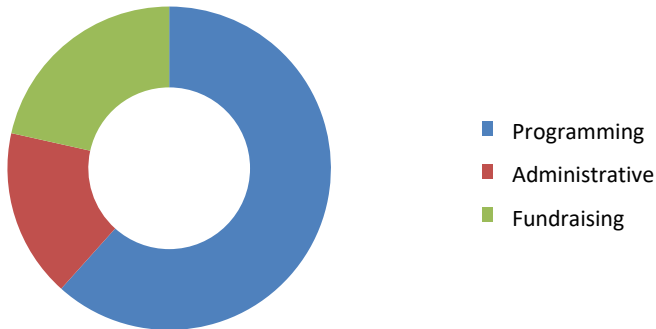
FINANCIALS

To date we have spent \$3 million dollars to benefit our mission!

Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018:

Total Program Expenses: \$247,846
Total Fundraising Expenses: \$3,996
Total Administrative Expenses: \$81,722
Total Revenue: \$172,407
End of Year Net Assets: \$336,950

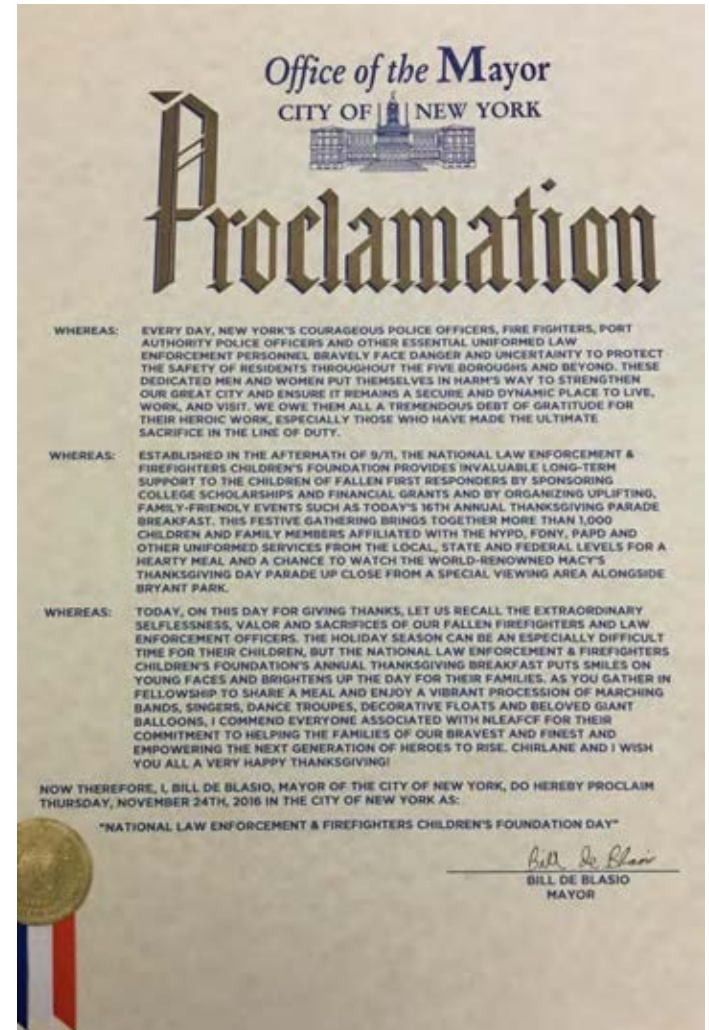
Over the past five years:



62% of our total expenses were devoted directly to our programs

17% of our total expenses were devoted to administrative costs

22% of our total expenses were devoted to fundraising



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