National Law Enforcement & Firefighters Children’s Foundation
Committed to the children of those lost in the line of duty - *tomorrow’s heroes*
OUR MISSION

The National Law Enforcement & Firefighters Children’s Foundation (NLEAFCF) 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 NLEAFCF 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

Thank you for your interest in the National Law Enforcement & Firefighters Children’s Foundation.

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 the community 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 NLEAFCF believes when that ultimate sacrifice has been made it is our duty to help the children of these uniformed heroes. It is our responsibility as a society to ensure that these children achieve their full potential as active citizens and thriving members of the community.

This is a long-term commitment, a promise to the people who serve and protect us. We consider this an investment in the future of our nation and in tomorrow’s heroes.

We are grateful for your donations and your support.

Alfred Kahn
Founder and President

THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION
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Alfred R. Kahn (founder of 4Kids Entertainment) hosted the first annual Thanksgiving Parade Breakfast in November, 2001 – just after the 9/11 tragedy. His hope was to provide the families of the first responders lost in the line of duty with a positive, supportive and festive atmosphere as they entered what was sure to be a very difficult holiday season. The event was even more powerful for the children and families than Mr. Kahn could have imagined. The overwhelmingly grateful response from these families underscored for Al that the impact of each loss was going to last a lifetime.

And what of those families who face tragic line of duty losses every day without the massive support provided after a major disaster? In 2002 the NLEAFCF was incorporated there as a national organization that could be there to help families across the country.

While continuing the tradition of the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast, the NLEAFCF began distributing 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. Each year new organizations and new families receive our support.

To date, the NLEAFCF 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.
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

2001
First Thanksgiving Breakfast

2002
NLEAFCF established

2005
First institutional grants awarded to DEA Fund and DEA Museum

2006
First scholarships and family grants awarded

2007
Vitoria Ovis Memorial Scholarship created

2008
NLEAFCF sponsors FDNY mobile CPR training program

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.

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

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

2015
15th Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast

2016
Sal Cassano receives Public Service Hero Award at 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

“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
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 120 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.

An average of one law enforcement death occurs every 53 hours – an average of 171 deaths per year. In the past 10 years, over 1,400 law enforcement officers gave their lives protecting the public.**

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 NLEAFCF strives to serve this need.

*National Fire Protection Association report: "Firefighter Fatalities in the United States 2015"
**National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund statistics
College Scholarships – NLEAFCF 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 NLEAFCF 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 – NLEAFCF 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 - NLEAFCF 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.

Since 2005, the NLEAFCF has distributed over $780,000 for 289 scholarships and grants across 36 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
2016/17 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Madison Aponte – Casleton State University
Joseph Astarita – Iona College
Jeri Borders – University of Alabama
Luke Botkins – Otterbein University
Tarnisa Capone – University of South Carolina
Brian Damon, Jr. – Penn State University
Sarah Dillon – University of Southern California
Maxine Dunn – Hartwick College
Kayla Hanley – Molloy College
Brandon Hare – Stetson University
Madilynn Kendricks – Meredith College
Nicole Kalinowski – Quinnipiac University
Christina Lettich – School of Visual Arts
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
McCaela Prentice – St. Lawrence University
Nicholas Ragano – Marymount Manhattan College
Allison Roberts – Stonehill College
Kendall Rudie – John Carroll University
Megan Ryan – Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
Gregory Scannell – University of New Hampshire
Taylor Selby – Mississippi State
Jason Shandler – Cornell University
Madison Volpe – Fairfield 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

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
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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

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Joanne Iburg
Inwood Fire Department
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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

“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
A cornerstone event each year, the NLEAFCF 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 2016 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 16th anniversary of this very special thanksgiving breakfast. In the past 16 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
The National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Children’s Foundation first Hero Awards Gala took place on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm 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 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
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- Rudolph Giuliani
- İçim and Mark Miller

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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! In the past year:

- **83%** of our total expenses were devoted directly to our programs
- **2%** of our total expenses were devoted to fundraising
- **15%** of our total expenses were devoted to administrative costs

**Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2017:**

- **Total Program Expenses:** $243,823
  - Scholarships: $99,696
  - Grants: $4,000
  - Events: $140,127
- **Total Fundraising Expenses:** $6,641
- **Total Administrative Expenses:** $44,491
- **Total Revenue:** $232,722
- **End of Year Net Assets:** $496,857
LOOKING FORWARD

The NLEAFCF will celebrate our 15th anniversary in September of 2017. As we look toward that milestone we have committed to a five-year strategic plan designed to build the national footprint of the organization and establish an ambitious endowment fund that will ensure EVERY family enduring a line of duty loss will be provided with the support they need.

$10,000,000 Endowment Fund by 2022
The scholarship awards we disburse each year fund 50% or less of the total requests we receive. At the same time, 290 families in the U.S. per year suffer a line-of-duty death.

Our long-term goal is to create an endowment large enough to allow us to provide an instant emergency grant for each line-of-duty death and to support to every child of a fallen first responder who seeks our help financing a college education. As we work toward that goal we focus on key areas of growth for the foundation in the coming year:

• Add support staff to facilitate foundation expansion with a focus on fundraising and corporate partnerships to help us achieve our endowment fund goals
• Expand our Board of Directors to facilitate broader national reach and exposure and to expand relationships with corporate and foundation partners
• Develop additional programming in support of our mission