



20th Anniversary

THE RESPONDER

Summer 2021

THE POWER OF PLAY



"The Power of Play" brings together first responder agencies and children in their communities to play together in creative and imaginative ways. In 43 locations across America this Summer, children have been given tens of thousands of toys

and, in 15 locations, the Foundation has cut the ribbon on brand new basketball courts! Children are encouraged to disconnect from screens and participate in physical, outdoor health and wellness activities. An effort has been made

to ensure that under-represented communities are included in the "The Power of Play" program, so the valuable benefits can reach everyone within our first responder communities.

"The Power of Play" delivers age-appropriate toys and sports equipment to children from infants to older teens including soccer balls, basketballs, jump rope, chalk and a variety of other toys and games. The program is based on research showing that creative and physical play will enhance a child's cognitive and problem-solving skills, and in addition to the outdoor sports equipment, the Foundation is sponsoring STEM activities and care packs for children. A complete calendar of events for "The Power of Play" is available on the Foundation's website, 1stRCF.org.

Donate to The Power of Play
Text PLAY to 24365

The First Responders Children's Foundation Chorus

The Chorus - made up of police officers, firefighters, 911 dispatchers, nurses and teenagers singing together in harmony - has been in the recording studio putting together an album of original music. They have also performed live this Summer, singing The National Anthem at MetLife Stadium at the Fun City Bowl on June 6, and marching alongside essential workers honored in the Hometown Heroes Ticker Tape Parade on July 7.

"It was a thrill to be among the many courageous, live-saving first responders and essential workers in the historic parade. Members of the First Responders Children's Foundation Chorus were very fortunate to have had the opportunity to march down the Canyon of Heroes, and



they won't soon forget the experience," said Music Director La Toya Lewis.

The first responders and children singing their rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner is currently hitting national radio airwaves

in the Foundation's latest Public Service Announcement reminding us that no matter how different our voices, when we unite, we shine, and we are better together. "Oh say can you see" a bright future!



9/11 First Responders Commemorative Walk

The attack on 9/11 was the deadliest terrorist event in history and the deadliest incident ever for both firefighters and law enforcement officers in the United States.

The attack on the World Trade Center resulted in the loss of 2,977 lives, but the efforts of first responders helped rescue an estimated 50,000 civilians.

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HOST A 9/11 FIRST RESPONDERS COMMEMORATIVE WALK

For the 20 year commemoration of 9/11, help your community remember and honor the sacrifices of 9/11 first responders – and of all the first responders in your community – by hosting a 9/11 First Responders Commemorative Walk.

A 9/11 First Responders Commemorative Walk is an exhibit of 18 historical markers plus street signs and boot prints to mark the path as guests walk 1,980 steps – the number of stairs that first responders set out to climb to reach the top of the World Trade Center on 9/11 – with signs along the way telling the stories of the first responders who were there.

This remembrance experience can also include T-shirts, baseball caps, bumper stickers, lapel pins, a Flag of Honor listing the names of everyone who died on 9/11, a “Hats Off to First Responders” selfie station, and prize packages to watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade live in New York City. Most important, by supporting First Responders Children's Foundation and by presenting a 9/11 commemorative tribute, you can recognize first responders in your community and help young adults who have lost a first responder parent.

On 9/11 more than 800 children lost a parent, and for the past 20 years, First

Responders Children's Foundation has been helping these children – and children of all first responders killed in the line of duty – realize their dreams of a college education. Every year since 9/11, approximately 225 first responders are killed in the line of duty, and each leaves behind an average of 2.3 children. This year's children will need help with their college tuition, and another 500+ children are put into the same situation every year. Fortunately, First Responders Children's Foundation has been helping to meet this heartbreaking need for the past 20 years. College scholarships from First Responders Children's Foundation provide a cushion to children who lost a parent in the line of duty and helps the financial hardship those children face. But, in order to help these children pay for college, we need your support.

Your 9/11 First Responders Commemorative Walk will recognize local first responders for their service and have an immediate, positive, and powerful impact on the children of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their fellow citizens. Please reserve your package for the 20 year commemoration of 9/11 this September by contacting Scott@1stRCF.org / (646) 822-4236. Walks must be ordered before August 31 to be delivered in time.



Junior First Responder Cadet Camp

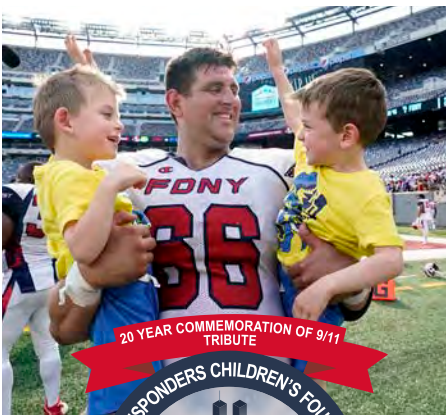
In June, First Responders Children's Foundation partnered with Lafayette Fire Company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to host the Junior First Responder Cadet Camp. This exciting program taught valuable lifesaving skills to 30 children between the ages of 10 and 14.

First Responders Children's Foundation is proud to inspire the next generation of both career and volunteer first responders, and with continued support, our Cadet Camp has the potential to inspire the next generation of first responder heroes.



Fun City Bowl

First Responders Children's Foundation presented the 48th Annual Fun City Bowl football game, a fun clash between the FDNY and NYPD football teams — New York's Bravest vs. New York's Finest — fostering a strong connection between first responders and the community. The event included a helicopter fly-by, pipe & drum bands, honor guards, vintage first responder vehicles, a football clinic for children and a musical performance by The First Responders Children's Foundation Chorus.



“At folks’ worst possible moment is when we step in and try to ease the pain for them. That’s what First Responders Children’s Foundation does too, you guys do it for the children. It’s a great thing you guys are doing, and as a first responder, I appreciate it for myself and for my family.”

—LT. JOHN LEARY, FDNY LADDER COMPANY 15 AND CEREMONIAL UNIT

Upcoming Events:

Benefit Concert Broadcasts

A concert tribute to Billy Gibbons, founder of ZZ Top, will be broadcast on 18 FOX television stations with proceeds benefiting First Responders Children’s Foundation. Brad Paisley, Eric Church, Jimmie Vaughn, Lucinda Williams, Ronnie Milsap and Dennis Quaid are among the performers.

Watch the concert on the following dates, times, and stations:

- San Francisco 8/7 4pm – KTTV
- Minneapolis 8/7 8pm – WFTX
- Milwaukee 8/8 2pm – WITI
- Tampa 8/8 3pm – WTVT
- Gainesville 8/22 2pm – WOGX
- Orlando 8/22 2pm – WOFL
- Phoenix 9/4 6pm & 11/13 6pm – KUTP
- Los Angeles 9/5 1pm – KTTV
- Dallas 9/5 3pm & 11/7 3pm – KDFI
- Austin 9/5 4pm – KTBC
- Seattle 9/11 6pm & 10/16 2pm – KZJO
- Chicago 9/18 3pm – WPWR
- Houston 11/7 1 pm – KTXH



The Northern Trust PGA Playoff – August 16-22

SERVPRO is sponsoring the Northern Trust PGA Playoff, August 16-22 at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, New Jersey, and First Responders Children's Foundation is the beneficiary. SERVPRO is thanking first responders by offering complimentary tournament admission, parking passes and access to a dedicated firefighter concession stand.



The Greenbrier Champions Tennis Classic

This year marks the 9th anniversary of The Greenbrier Champions Tennis Classic, taking place on September 13 at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Proceeds from the event will benefit First Responders Children's Foundation. The Classic will feature tennis stars Andy Roddick, Tommy Haas, James Blake and Marcos Baghdatis.

9/11 Patriots Day Virtual Run



I Run 4 Movement has organized a special 9/11 Patriots Day Virtual Run 5k/10k, in recognition of the solemn 20th anniversary of 9/11, when so many of New York City's first responders made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. First Responders Children's Foundation will receive a portion of all proceeds from the virtual run, so be sure to support first responders and the 1stRCF by joining in on this nationwide event.

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College Scholarships



The Foundation is awarding 156 college scholarships this year to children whose first responder parents were killed or injured in the line of duty. Join us in wishing these scholars our heartfelt support starting their studies in September.

Scholar Profile – Matthew Brophy

“I’m Matthew Brophy and my father was Officer Thomas Brophy of the NYPD. I go to Adelphi University where I am studying psychology.

My dad was about anything that was dangerous. Motorcycles, Corvettes. He was a man’s man. He definitely would have wanted me to go to a good school like Adelphi and he definitely would be proud of where I am right now.

Receiving a scholarship from First Responders Children’s Foundation has definitely helped me. A lot of it has gone for the cost of my dorm, and just education as a whole. I’m very grateful for it and I appreciate all of you guys so much.”



Tragically, Matthew was only three years old when he lost his father. Officer Brophy died of metastatic colon cancer caused by inhaling toxic materials while assisting in the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center, following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Please help us help children of fallen first responders by texting SCHOLAR to 24365 or by visiting our website at 1stRCF.org.

ABOVE: MATTHEW BROPHY, 19, LEFT, WITH 1STRCF PRESIDENT JILLIAN CRANE AND FELLOW 1STRCF SCHOLAR MATTHEW MURPHY, 19.

BOTTOM: NYPD OFFICER THOMAS BROPHY, FATHER OF MATTHEW BROPHY, ADELPHI UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2024

Support A Scholar

The college scholarship program helps children of first responders realize their dreams of a college education. You can join this life-changing program by supporting a first responder scholar with a one time or monthly gift. There is no better way to honor a first responder’s sacrifice than to help secure the future of a first responder’s child, and your contributions will have an immediate and powerful impact.

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Heartfelt thanks to our scholarship program donors: CSX, Grayson C. Huffman Scholarship Memorial Fund and Smiling Rocks.

Bereavement Assistance



First responders risk their lives every day to protect us. When they make the ultimate sacrifice, First Responders Children’s Foundation stands by the children left behind. The Bereavement Assistance program provides funeral costs for the families of first responders who have been killed in the line of duty. Motorola Solutions Foundation and Wilbert Funeral Services are proud sponsors of the Bereavement Assistance program.



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RESPONDER SWEEPS

For just \$10 you can help first responders and have a chance to win one of three grand prizes including:

- **A one-of-a-kind, 2021 Jeep Gladiator** built by the unparalleled DTO Customs team. Drive anywhere you want to go – on or off road – in one of the most capable vehicles on the planet. And, figure out how you're going to spend \$20,000 in cash.
- **A 2021 Buick Envision Avenir** - the perfect all-American, mid-size vehicle, plus \$7,000 in cash.
- **A 2021 Vespa GTV 300** - our "Freedom Bike" - plus \$1,000 in cash. The artwork on this bike features The Statue of Liberty, an American eagle, and American flags waving in the breeze.



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