



*They risked their lives for us...*  
**LET US DO GOOD—for them—today!**

August 24, 2022

Dear

In 2006, while on a patrol in the Abu Ghraib region of Iraq, Army Sgt. Rick Yarosh's convoy was hit by an IED. His vehicle—and Rick—were instantly engulfed in flames.

**Rick suffered burns over 60% of his body. He lost his leg, and the use of both hands.**

Nothing can reverse the damage that was done to Rick's body that day. And, amazingly, Rick wouldn't change any of the decisions that led him there.

I'm inspired by the courage and bravery of America's heroes like Rick. And since founding the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation**, I've also been inspired by the tens of thousands of people who have joined us to show our heroes **that we will NEVER FORGET.**

They're people like YOU, —people who are so grateful for the immense, life-altering sacrifices our veterans make...

**Together, through the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, we are helping veterans like Rick and the families of fallen first responders by giving them hope. There's so much more to do to say "Thank You" to America's heroes and families who have made immense sacrifices for us.**

**Please, will you join our effort to lift up these heroes and their families with your gift of \$20... \$35... \$50 or more now?**

These gifts, when put together, allow us to reach out to these heroes and families not with mere words of "thanks" or token gestures, but with real meaningful action. Actions that will enable them to go on and rebuild their lives.

I wish you could have been by my side when Rick received the custom-designed smart home that friends like you helped give him! A house where he can live comfortably thanks to adaptive technologies. Where he can raise his daughter. Where he can recharge and focus on his new mission: using his story to change lives.



*After suffering severe burns over 60% of his body while serving in Iraq, Army Sgt. Rick Yarosh now has a custom-designed smart home where he can live comfortably thanks to the kindness of friends like you.*

**FREE ball cap  
with your gift  
of \$35 or more!**

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Rick says nothing could have prepared him for his injuries. A former wrestler and captain of his high school football team, he thought he couldn't live if he lost a leg.

Today, he loves his life. He travels across America sharing his message of hope, resilience, and strength. He especially likes speaking with children, partly because it was kids who helped him begin to heal. Children first saw him, not as someone scarred by burns, but as *a person*.

Rick says that's what veterans, even those we call heroes, want:

*"We went to war, but we're still the same people who left.  
That's who we're trying to be again. Treat us as we were."*

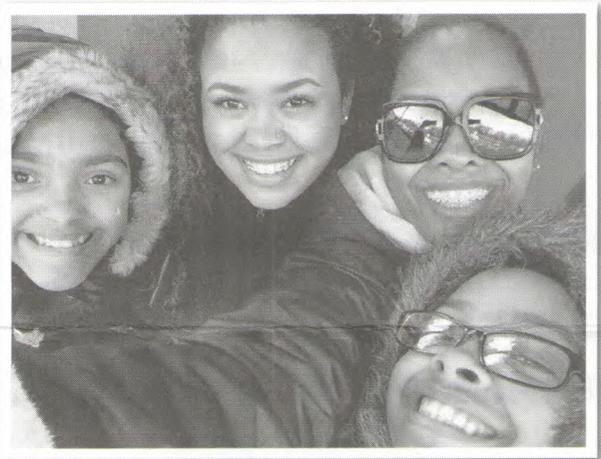
Rick can't put a key in a lock to open a door because his hands are so scarred. It's hard to feel normal when there are simple things you just can't do. Living in a house where he can be independent and comfortable... the value of that gift for veterans like Rick is beyond words.

Your gift today allows us to give first responders and veterans with disabilities, like Rick, a place to call home and to really feel at home.

*And more than that... it's a sign that YOU haven't forgotten... that YOU remember, and care, even when no one else will.*

You'll also be helping first responders who sacrificed here at home. People like Miosotis Familia...

## **"She Was the One Who Kept Us Afloat"**



*After Miosotis (pictured in sunglasses) was executed on patrol, her oldest daughter found herself struggling alone to care for her little brother and sister.*

Miosotis took care of people and put others before herself.

All on her own, she cared for her three children and her mother. She took care of her community as a police officer...

Until the day she was brutally assassinated in the line of duty, in cold blood in her squad vehicle. *No warning, no chance to defend herself—targeted simply because of the blue New York City Police Department uniform she proudly wore.*

At just 20 years old, her oldest daughter was left to care for her 12-year-old twin siblings. Thanks to caring people like YOU, however, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation stepped in so that Miosotis' children didn't have to face devastating grief and uncertainty about the future alone.

Just imagine what it would mean to Miosotis to know that someone cared... to know that five months after her kids lost their mother, people like YOU were there to make sure they had a mortgage-free home, a Christmas tree and a foundation to build the future that their mother wanted for them.

For this family, and for so many other families of the fallen, people like YOU have made all the difference. Today, however, we need you to be there for even more families who have given so much. **You can make sure a fallen hero's loved ones have hope and a bright future.**

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It's sad but true that without us, many will be forgotten. On top of terrible grief, many will be left to face immense financial and personal hardships all alone.

After sacrificing so much for their country, many risk losing everything... homes, savings, self-sufficiency, hopes, dreams... everything.

It shouldn't be like this, and with your help—it doesn't have to be.

YOU can be there for heroes and their families by joining me—by helping with the mission that is Tunnel to Towers. With your gift today...

★ **You'll honor the sacrifices of our military service members and first responders killed in the line of duty** by supporting the children and families they left behind through the gift of a mortgage-free home.

★ **You'll enable our most catastrophically injured veterans and first responders to reclaim their independence** through mortgage-free, custom-designed *smart homes*, with adaptive features for their specific injuries.

★ **You'll help keep the memory of heroes alive across the nation** through our National Run, Walk & Climb Series, our traveling 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit, our other NEVER FORGET programs and our program to eradicate Veteran Homelessness.

*In fact, it is because of the fateful events of 9/11 that Tunnel to Towers came into being in the first place—and why I've dedicated my life to this work...*

## Why We Call It Tunnel to Towers

I lost my little brother Stephen on 9/11. He was a FDNY firefighter and he loved keeping people safe...

There are four brothers in our family of seven siblings. The brothers had all taken a day off work that day for a long-overdue round of golf. When Stephen heard that the Twin Towers had been struck, however, he rushed to do his duty.

When his path was blocked because the then Brooklyn Battery Tunnel was closed to vehicles... *Stephen strapped 60 lbs. of gear onto his back and ran on foot to Ground Zero.*

My brother never saw his wife and five kids again. Our whole family was shaken and heartbroken. Starting the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation** was a way to honor his sacrifice and *to fulfill our duty to his brothers and sisters in service—first responders here in the U.S. and women and men protecting our country at home and abroad.*

Friends of Tunnel to Towers are people like YOU, people who are grateful for the immense, life-altering sacrifices our veterans make... whose hearts break for the families of fallen first responders—like Stephen's family—whose lives will never be the same.



*My brother, Stephen Siller, didn't think twice that day... he gave his life to save others.*

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Together, through the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, we are turning their loss into hope. But we have so much more to do to say “Thank You!” to these American families who have made immense sacrifices for us.

## “NEVER FORGET”—Join us to DO GOOD for them, TODAY!

Your gift to Tunnel to Towers is a commitment to never forget the supreme sacrifices made by our first responders and veterans, their families, and those catastrophically injured while protecting us.

It’s a commitment to the belief that no one willing to lay down their life for their community or country should worry what will happen to their family if they don’t make it home. How they’ll pay their bills, where they’ll live, if they’ll have enough to eat.

*When a firefighter or police officer is killed protecting us, who will take care of their family? When a veteran gets catastrophically injured... who will be there? Today, the answer to that question can be... YOU.*

If my brother Stephen’s sacrifice has taught me anything, it’s this: **Even in the darkest moment, you can give hope by taking action. You’ll show heroes and families who have given so much that they are NOT alone, NOT forgotten.**

Please, will you join me today? LET US DO GOOD for those who made it their life’s work to do good, to stand in harm’s way to protect us. Every gift is appreciated and makes a difference and allows you to say “Thank You” in a powerful, meaningful way.

**Send your gift to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation today.** Change the lives of those whose sacrifices make our lives, our freedom—and all we hold dear—possible!

Giving hope to heroes!



Frank Siller  
Chairman/CEO  
Tunnel to Towers Foundation

P.S. I’ve enclosed three vouchers for you to choose from. Please, as you select which voucher to send back with your reply form and gift, be reminded of the great sacrifices heroes like Rick and Miosotis have made for us. And remember, I’ve reserved your new Tunnel to Towers Foundation ball cap (see insert) when you send your gift of \$35 or more to help. It’s my small “thank you” to YOU for helping our heroes.

P.P.S. Any gift will help change the lives of our first responders and veterans and their families. **Please consider an \$11 monthly gift to remember—and to DO GOOD all year long.**



**Yes!** Frank, I want to say "Thank You" and help the good men and women who gave their all—even their lives—for us! Here's my gift to help:

\$20  \$35  \$50  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'll give \$11 monthly to support your critical programs. (see reverse)

Please charge my gift to my credit card. (see reverse)

My check to Tunnel to Towers is enclosed.

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### FREE Tunnel to Towers Ball Cap

*With your gift of \$35 or more*



Please do not send me my ball cap. (I want 100% of my gift to go to Tunnel to Towers.)

Your gift is tax-deductible!

# \$20 MY GIFT TO DO GOOD for True American Heroes

Voucher given by:



Your donation of \$20 will help provide the gift of a mortgage-free home for the family of a first responder killed in the line of duty.



# \$35 MY GIFT TO DO GOOD for True American Heroes

Voucher given by:



Your donation of \$35 will help to build a mortgage-free, custom-designed *smart home* equipped with special adaptive features for a catastrophically injured veteran or first responder.



# \$50 MY GIFT TO DO GOOD for True American Heroes

Voucher given by:



Your donation of \$50 will help keep the memory of heroes like Stephen alive through our National Run, Walk & Climb Series, our traveling 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit, and more.



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**CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION**  One-time gift  Monthly (You may stop your gift at any time.)

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I hereby authorize the Tunnel to Towers Foundation to charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to my credit/debit card.  
 Signature (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

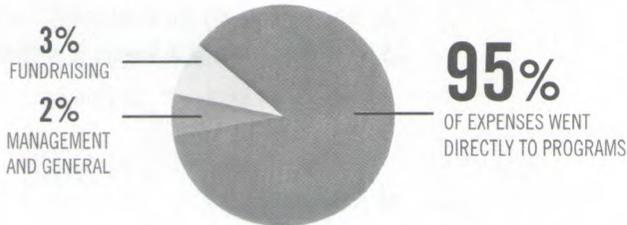
Donate \$35 or more and receive your free Tunnel to Towers Foundation ball cap!

Thanks, but please don't send me a ball cap.

**AT THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION, WE:**

- Build mortgage-free *smart homes* for injured service members and first responders.
- Pay off the mortgages of first responders killed in the line of duty.
- Provide a mortgage-free home to Gold Star families with young children.

In 2020, donations to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation were spent as follows:



The Tunnel to Towers Foundation **directs at least 95%** of its spending to program activities. We have consistently been **awarded the Four Star Charity** designation by Charity Navigator, its highest rating.



Tunnel to Towers Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our EIN number is 02-0554654. Please consult with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of your contribution.

**LET US DO GOOD**  
*by Supporting Gold Star Families, Disabled Veterans, First Responders, and Families of Fallen First Responders*

**QUICK FACTS ABOUT OUR IMPACT:**

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# Help Us DO GOOD – & Get Your FREE Tunnel to Towers Ball Cap!

With your support, we're not just helping catastrophically injured veterans, first responders, and the families of fallen heroes... we're building a movement to honor and remember the sacrifices of men and women who keep us all safe. So that we, as a nation, NEVER FORGET.

Your new ball cap—our gift to you when you send in a donation of \$35 or more—shows that you're part of this movement. It's a gift of welcome from all of us at the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, and from all of the veterans and families whose lives you'll touch with your gift.



*Thank you for turning heartbreak into hope.*

*Thank you for supporting the Tunnel to Towers Foundation with your gift today!*