Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation

Fact Sheet

Our Mission: To provide college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty.

- We are dedicated to serving the families of both combat casualties and military training accidents.
- We cover all branches of the armed forces.
- We cover suicides if the Veterans Administration (VA) rules the death was in the line of duty (most often in connection with PTSD).

The vision of Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is to ensure that EVERY such child receives ALL necessary college funding.

- A college education is the single most important gift we can give these children.
- This is an important investment in the future of America.

The need is enormous.

- We estimate that more than 20,000 military children have lost a parent to combat or accidents over the last 35 years and many of those parents were the families’ primary breadwinner.
- Even with benefits and other scholarships, the average “gap” per child is approximately $32,000 for four years of college.
- Eventually these children will need more than $500 million combined for college.

Currently there is no centralized tracking system of children who have lost a parent in the armed forces, among other issues:

- Government programs do not cover the full cost of college nor do they reach all the deserving children and not every surviving family is aware of this help.
- The process of finding and applying for help is confusing and burdensome for children and families.
- Help is generally available only in small increments.

Our goal is to create the first database of all 20,000 surviving children and ensure they have all the funding they need.

- Since inception, Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation has granted over $33.8 million in scholarships.
- Our database is one of the largest, if not the biggest, databases of surviving families but children are still slipping through the cracks.
- Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation currently has identified 1,417 children who qualify for our services.
- The average age of our children is approximately 10-years-old and the need is long-term.
- We are steadily increasing enrollments every year and thus our projected needs.
Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation’s emotional support is just as important to families as our financial support.

- Surviving widows and children have had a huge hole torn in their lives.
- They often need a friend and a mentor to share their experiences, hopes and troubles.
- We strive to serve Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation families with the caring their lost loved ones would have wanted for them.
- Our programs staff are surviving children who graduated with the assistance of Fallen Patriots. They are very well placed to relate with the experiences of the families we serve.

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation has best in class management practices.

- Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is certified by the Better Business Bureau and Independent Charities of America.
- Children of Fallen Patriots is a Gold-level GuideStar Exchange participant, demonstrating our commitment to transparency.

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation was founded to honor the memory of Sergeant Delaney Gibbs.

- Sergeant Delaney Gibbs, who was killed in 1989 during Operation Just Cause in Panama, five days before Christmas and had a baby daughter due in March.
- Many years later, the Foundation tracked down his daughter and assisted her with college.

What makes Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation unique versus other charities?

- What better way can we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country than by investing the future of those they loved most in the world?
- There many ways to support wounded troops and our active military, but very few to support families of those who were killed.
- This urgent need has never been fully served – no one has found all the survivors, but Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation aims to complete that mission.
- Programs are administered by surviving children and our customer service is unique.