Honor to the soldier everywhere, who bravely bears his country’s cause.

Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as best he can, the same cause. —Abraham Lincoln, 1863
Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation works to ensure a college education for military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty.

To date, we have awarded nearly $27 million in support to more than 1,300 children of our fallen and started a pipeline for 7,000 more.

20,000 children have lost a parent from all branches of the military in the past 35 years.

$500 million gap between government funding and the cost of college.
To date we have supported 1,347 children. That’s the number of stars that fit within this box.

There are 20,000 stars on these two pages. That is the number of American children who have lost a parent in the military since 1983.

While we have made a good start on meeting the need, we are keenly aware of how far we have to go.

We are grateful for your support. We are all in this fight together.
In 2018 alone, we provided $6.8 million in support, an amount that equates to 1,088 years of debt-free education to military children. Our Scholars are attending colleges, universities, trade, and technical schools. With this level of support, we are not only able to provide scholarships, but also help the families with SAT/ACT prep support, internships, and career placements with our many corporate partners.

Advancing the mission in 2018

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Dear Fallen Patriots,

I often pause in gratitude for your amazing organization, but today I wanted to take a few minutes and write a sincere thank you. My husband was injured on active duty as a Marine—he was medically retired from his injuries and unfortunately died from those injuries. We are a family that falls through some cracks with regards to benefits for military families who died in the line of duty.

My son is attending his first year in college at Texas Christian University. It is a private university with a large annual tuition cost. Today, his school received a check from Children of Fallen Patriots, and his balance for this first school year is now officially paid in full.

I am so thankful for a few military organizations but most specifically Children of Fallen Patriots. You have ensured that our family, my children specifically, do not fall through cracks with regards to a quality education to pursue their ambitions. My words will never be able to express the help you have given our family, my children specifically, do not fall through cracks with regards to a quality education to pursue their ambitions. My words will never be able to express the help you have given my family. What was once a huge weight on my shoulders (as a widow and mother to 3 children) is now less burdensome, and I can bask in the joy as I watch my son excel.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

– Melissa Evinger

Dear Friends,

Our mission is a vital support to families whose loved one gave their all for our nation and our freedom. Our work would not be possible without the support of caring patriots like you. It is a tremendous honor to support the dreams of military children who lost a parent serving our country and it’s an honor that you would choose to partner with us. We will work hard every day to merit the trust you have placed in us.

Because of your generosity, we have been able to provide over $27 million in support to military families and start a pipeline for 8,000 children of our fallen. There is still so much more to be done—there are nearly 20,000 military children who lost a parent in the line of duty over the last 35 years. As incredible as it sounds, no other group has ever before defined precisely how many military children need our aid and how much they will need. Government programs do not cover their full cost of college. These 20,000 children will need approximately $500 million to achieve the dreams their parents wanted for them. Our goal is to ensure that every single one of these students receives the help they deserve. Investing in these children is our privilege and our honor as Americans.

One of our goals is to share real stories of Fallen Patriots families who embody the virtues that made, and keep, our nation great. The men and women who serve in uniform and their families personify those values and we count it a privilege to help you connect with them. Through every interaction we have with military families, we come away with a renewed sense of optimism, hope, and inspiration. They help us to keep our daily lives in perspective and to appreciate the many blessings we enjoy every day in our beloved country.

God bless you,

David and Cynthia Kim
Co-Founders
Responding on all fronts

IDENTIFYING CHILDREN

Identifying all 20,000 students who need help is one of our primary strategic goals. We believe our database is as big or bigger than any in our space. We work with the VA, the Department of Defense, military units and other military charities to identify students. We will not rest until we find them all and connect them with the help they deserve.

- 11,846 students in Fallen Patriots Database
- 8,154 other students

20,000 children need our help

75% of families struggle to make ends meet

PROVIDING OPTIONS

Over 75% of the families we serve struggle to make ends meet. Our scholarships not only lift a huge financial burden but also provide a precious reminder to our scholars that their fellow Americans will never forget their sacrifice.

- 75% of families

SECURING FUNDING

Even after every other source of aid is pieced together, a persistent gap of about $8,000 per year remains, totaling on average $32,000 per child. With over 53% of these families making less than $50,000 per year, that gap can be unsurmountable. That's where we come in.

- 53% of families

SUPPORTING DIRECTLY

96% of the revenue raised goes directly to programming and Scholar support. Our operating costs are almost fully covered by our generous and committed Board, allowing almost every dollar raised to be put to work where it is needed most.

- 96% of funds raised

8,154

20,000

96%* of funds raised go directly to our Scholars

* Net of Board Donations
Boston Gilbert  
Southern Methodist University

U.S. Air Force Major Troy Gilbert died in a F-16 fighter crash in 2006. He is remembered as someone who treated people with honor, humility, service and passion. He left behind a wife and five children. Boston is the oldest child and says he strives to emulate his father’s warrior servant spirit.

With the help of Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation, Boston is studying sports management at Southern Methodist University. His dream is to work in professional soccer, either as a player or in management.

“My Dad’s sacrifice serves as a reminder to me that not only him, but thousands of other brave men and women, work hard to protect and serve our country with their lives,” Boston shared. “This motivates me to be the best version of myself that I can be.”

Troy Gilbert 1972-2006

Major Troy Lee Gilbert, left, died in Iraq a F-16 fighter crash in 2006 leaving behind his wife and five children.
Committing completely

FALLEN PATRIOTS STAFF
We are proud to employ an amazing team that includes Scholars and family members who have benefited from FP support. Providing emotional care to our families is just as important as the financial aid, and no one is better equipped to do so than families who are themselves survivors.

DEDICATED BOARD
We are honored to have on our Board many accomplished executives who are passionately dedicated to serving military families. They come from the world of the military (in fact we have 15 veterans or military family members), media, operating companies, and finance and are united in their desire to give back to those who gave all for their country.

“Children of Fallen Patriots makes a tremendous difference, not just monetarily but emotionally. Our families take great comfort in knowing that people still care about them and that a friendly face will be there to support their educational aspirations.”

—HOLLY PETRAEUS

KEY PARTNERSHIPS
We look to establish win-win partnerships with great companies to increase the level of support and awareness around the importance of the Fallen Patriots mission. We are immensely grateful for the support of organizations such as Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund and the Clark Foundation who not only provide generous donations, but also inspire others to contribute as well.

BEST IN CLASS
We impose high standards on ourselves, making it that much more gratifying to receive recognition from many organizations. Fallen Patriots is proud to have been awarded a 4 star rating from Charity Navigator, an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau, and a Platinum Guidestar rating.

Fallen Patriots staff

A. JAMES & ALICE B. CLARK FOUNDATION

JOHNNY MAC SOLDIERS FUND

CHARITY NAVIGATOR
Four Star Charity

BBB

PLATINUM

NON PROFIT

EXCELLENCE
Jervon Lemon
South Carolina University—Undergrad

Jervon’s dad Jerome Lemon served in the Army National Guard Reserves for 19 years, along with 17 years as a Highway State Trooper in Charleston, South Carolina when he was killed in action in Iraq in 2004. Jervon was 17-years-old, working as a teacher at a local daycare at the time.

Jervon graduated from South Carolina State University receiving her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology in December 2010. With the assistance of Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation, Jervon graduated debt free with her undergraduate degree. Shortly after she attended South University and received her Master’s degree in Professional Counseling.

“Ever since receiving a phone call from co-founder, Cynthia Kim, my life was forever changed. Children of Fallen Patriots has connected me with other students and families who have gone through similar experiences. With such tragedy comes joy, my family and I were able to build relationships with other military families and create lasting memories. I’m so proud and honored to be a part of the Fallen Patriots family working as a Scholarship Administrator. To work for such an amazing organization and give back to families is such a blessing.”

Jerome Lemon 1962–2004

Jerome Lemon was lost his life to an IED in 2004 while serving in Iraq. He leaves behind his wife and four children.
Stepping into a bright future

CAREERS & INTERNSHIPS
As Fallen Patriots has grown, we have seen our corporate sponsors look to grow their support as well. We are proud not only to support our students in scholarships, but also help provide them with internship and career opportunities with some of our amazing partners.

CAREER SYMPOSIUMS
We look not only to prepare our students for college but for their chosen career paths. Our major partners believe that as well, and several have hosted career symposiums where corporate executives share their experiences and insights to help our scholars expand their knowledge of the professional world.

GREAT SCHOOLS
To date, Fallen Patriots Scholars have attended 667 different schools. Some of these are 4-year or 2-year colleges; many are community colleges and trade schools. Here is a sample:

FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

MILITARY ACADEMYS

TRADE SCHOOLS

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES
Richard Dedham 1969–2011

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Richard Dedham died of a PTSD-related suicide, leaving behind his wife and son, Brent.

Brent Blackmore
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Brent Blackmore is the son of fallen U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Richard Dedham. He was in his first semester of college when he learned his father died. “The first year was a massive challenge, and were it not for others helping me along the way, I most likely would not be where I am now after that event,” he said.

Being a pilot has been Brent’s dream since he was a small child. He grew up playing flight simulators on the computer and would lay in the yard counting the number of airplanes that flew overhead. “I always had my head in the clouds and a dream to one day soar among them,” Brent explained. “Aviation was a calling to me, something that I would not be able to be without, truly my passion,” he added.
Nearly five-hundred enthusiastic supporters attended the 10th Annual Greenwich gala, contributing over $2.6 million at the event. The night was in honor of the Nelson Family with Gold Star Scholar Izabel Nelson as the key speaker.

Izabel and her sister, Phoebe, lost their dad, U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant William Nelson, when he died in an Osprey crash in April 2000. Izabel is studying Human Development at Virginia Tech and will graduate debt free this spring, thanks to Children of Fallen Patriots.
We are deeply grateful to our incredible corporate partners who not only raise huge amounts of funding for our scholars, but they also provide career education, internships, full time jobs and employee engagement events for Fallen Patriots.
Credit Suisse employees fill over 300 backpacks for Fallen Patriot Scholars and raised $252,000 during their 2018 Holiday Initiative.

Pepsi’s Rolling Remembrance and Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund donate $1 million during the 2018 Army Navy Game.

Just a few of our proud recent fallen Patriots graduates!
OUR VALUES

Our Values

Stewardship of a Sacred Mission

Delight Every Customer

Excellence in the Details

Use the Golden Rule in every interaction
We go out of our way to delight everyone we touch

Everything we do reflects well on our fallen heroes
Teach a person to fish, don’t give them a fish

Is a prerequisite to sustainable growth
We have a culture of discipline, measurement and evolution
Dedication

Five days before Christmas in 1989, Sergeant William Delaney Gibbs from the Army's 7th Infantry Division was killed in action during Operation Just Cause in Panama, leaving behind a young wife and an unborn daughter. Our Co-founder and CEO, David Kim, served with Sergeant Gibbs and was inspired by his sacrifice to establish Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation as a way to honor the sacrifice of our fallen heroes and to help Delaney Gibbs’ daughter and the thousands of children like her.