MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the life, work, and moral courage of American journalist, educator, and humanitarian James W. Foley, we catalyze action, research, and policy to advocate for freedom for all U.S. nationals wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad, to ensure government accountability to prioritize their safe return, and to educate and protect journalists and international travelers.
We advocate for American Hostage Freedom by

- Raising awareness about US citizens kidnapped or wrongfully detained abroad
- Supporting individual hostages, wrongful detainees and their families
- Conducting annual research to ensure US hostage policy is prioritizing the return of our citizens held abroad and assisting their families
- Engaging with the US Congress, White House, FBI, and Department of State to push for necessary improvements in US hostage policy
- Collaborating with third party experts and partner organizations assisting families in their efforts to free their loved ones

We Promote Journalist Safety by

- Developing and implementing James W. Foley journalist safety curricula for both graduate and undergraduate university journalism programs
- Increasing access to safety training, medical insurance and security information for freelance journalists through A Culture of Safety (ACOS) Alliance and other journalism and press freedom partnerships, including annual safety training grants
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Dear Friends of the Foley Foundation,

Thank you for your generous support of the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation (JWFLF). Your support has helped secure the freedom of innocent Americans taken hostage abroad and allowed for the continued development of preventive safety materials for journalists and travelers.

In 2022, 20 innocent U.S. nationals returned home. JWFLF’s engagement with Congress sparked legislative enhancements that include a Hostage/Wrongful Detainee flag as well as essential victim and family support not previously available for wrongful detainees. In September, JWFLF researcher and hostage advocate Cynthia Loertscher presented the 4th annual Bringing Americans Home report based on confidential interviews of returned hostage and wrongful detainees, their families, and experts in the field. Thanks to Cindy, JWFLF Board members and advisors David and Sarah Levinson, and pro bono lobbyists Rana Altenburg and Bryan Maxwell, JWFLF increased our impact on hostage/detainee policy, including more expeditious wrongful detention designations, family engagement coordinator needs, and accountability for captors.

Our 2022 Bringing Americans Home report revealed several alarming trends. The terrorist kidnapping threat decreased, but there was an increase in state governments targeting and wrongfully detaining U.S. nationals abroad. Currently, 95% of those U.S. nationals are held in China, Iran, Russia, Venezuela, and Syria. President Biden has called international hostage taking a National Emergency that requires enhanced deterrents. In collaboration with the U.K., two former British jihadists, Alexander Kotey and El Shafee Elsheikh, were extradited to the U.S. to face charges in the kidnapping, torture, and murder of our son Jim, Steven Sotloff, Peter Kassig, Kayla Mueller, and three British citizens. Kotey pleaded guilty to all counts; El Shafee Elsheikh was found guilty in federal court. Both were sentenced to life in prison without parole.

With support from the Samir Keyes Foundation, an Arabic translation of the JWFLF curricula will be offered in four Lebanese universities and an additional seven Lebanese universities will use the English version. In addition, Dr. Thomas Durkin and Foley Fellow Kate Hyland surveyed student journalists at two major universities. Initial findings indicated students exposed to JWFLF safety materials felt more confident about their ability to pursue journalism safely.

We are deeply grateful to David Bradley and the Emerson Collective for their continued financial support. Lastly, thank you to our deeply valued donors who allow us the privilege of working on behalf of American families who have loved ones held hostage or wrongful detained aboard and to continue to offer preventive safety information for journalists and international travelers.

Heartfelt gratitude,
Diane Foley
Letter from Board Chair Ellen Shearer

The past year was an important one for the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation. We increased our staffing, strengthened our financial position, and created a new strategic plan and committee structure to carry us forward through our 10th anniversary year in 2024. We also pursued an aggressive advocacy effort in Washington and through media outreach to pressure the U.S. government to prioritize the safe return of all U.S. nationals wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad.

On Sept. 1, longtime Board Chair Doug Patteson stepped down from his leadership duties while remaining on our board. I thank Doug for his boundless enthusiasm for and devotion to the foundation and its mission as he worked tirelessly to grow and strengthen the organization. He embodies the moral courage that is at the heart of our mission.

We welcomed to our board David Levinson, whose father, Robert “Bob” Levinson, was considered to be the longest held hostage in American history. David is Managing Director of Strategy, People and Operations at Teach for America.

We also hired two outstanding consultants to bolster our fundraising and outreach efforts. Emily Horne, former Spokesperson for the National Security Council, is our communications consultant, working with our Communications Committee to create new opportunities to get our message before the American people. Successes have included two op-eds by President Diane Foley (one co-written with David Levinson) in USA Today and the second (co-authored with Stephanie Foggett of the Soufan Center) in Defense One. Patricia Eisner, former Chief of Development for the Malala Fund and former Senior Director of America’s Promise Alliance, has created a strategic development plan to grow our donor base, strengthen our outreach to foundations, and ramp up a monthly donors program. Successes include more outreach to existing foundation funders as well as finding new sponsors for the 2023 Foley Freedom Awards dinner.

In May 2022, with support from JWFLF, the Bring Our Families Home (BOFH) campaign was founded by Americans who have family members being wrongfully held aboard and who rally, demonstrate, and otherwise advocate for their release. We now act as the fiduciary agent for
the campaign. In July, BOFH unveiled a 15-foot-high mural spanning a long wall in the Georgetown area of Washington, D.C., featuring 18 Americans who were wrongfully detained abroad.

Our board of directors in November approved an expansion of our Journalist Safety Training Program by adding two all-day in-person Virtual Reality and Classroom training sessions in collaboration with Headset while continuing our three VR online classes. We also established a partnership with the National Press Club to host one of the all-day classes.

Under our new strategic plan, we began improving our organizational structure, increasing our funding streams, and continuing to advance our reputation as the leading advocate for the return of all U.S. nationals wrongfully held aboard and as a leader in hostage policy research. We also decided to expand our safety education to include more general traveler safety education and to increase our program outputs in hostage/wrongful detainee advocacy, education, research, and family support.

All of this progress has been thanks to our excellent staff and our board members, who have created working committees in Government Relations, Hostage Advocacy, Safety Education, Communications, and Operations that have been force multipliers in attaining our goals.

Thanks to these dedicated folks and to all our generous donors who help make our work possible.

Sincerely,
Ellen Shearer
JOURNALISM SAFETY

- In 2022, with support from the James P. Ruder Foundation, we welcomed our second Marquette Foley Fellow, Kate Hyland, to work with JWFLF Education Program Director Tom Durkin on amplifying university outreach. Currently, instructors at over 25 colleges and universities are using the JWFLF Safety Modules. In addition, we surveyed over 110 student journalists – some whose school implement our materials, another that did not – to gain insight into the efficacy of our curriculum.

- We continue to work with the Samir Kassir Foundation’s SKeyes Center for Media and Cultural Freedom. In the Fall 2023, 11 Lebanese universities will begin incorporating the JWFLF Safety Modules into their journalism curricula. Seven of the universities will implement the English version; four universities will implement an Arabic translation the SKeyes Center completed.

- In September 2022, Doug Patteson, Sam Goodwin, and Tom Durkin collaborated to edit and update a safety traveler guide created by Doug Patteson. Once updated and rebranded, The James W. Foley Traveler Safety Guide (with security tips for travelers) is due for release in Spring 2023.

- In November 2022, we expanded our partnership with Head Set, an immersive learning system that incorporates VR technology, to provide safety training for 50 journalists through October 2023. With this expansion, JWFLF will reach 20 more journalists than we did in 2021. To increase accessibility, three sessions will take place virtually and two
sessions will be held in person (in Washington, D.C., and New York City). The ½ day virtual sessions cover civil unrest and stress management. The full-day sessions incorporate first aid training and more hands-on strategies. The cost for journalists to participate is fully covered by JWFLF.

JWFLF participated in several events, including A Culture of Safety Alliance (ACOS) annual safety coordination meeting in NYC, the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association student seminar in Madison, WI, and virtual meetings with instructors from the 11 Lebanese universities planning to implement our materials. We also participated in a roundtable conversation with Milwaukee’s TMJ4 newsroom and its sister station, NBC26 in Green Bay, on self-care and safety concerns following the shooting of two journalists in Orlando, FL. Lastly, Tom Durkin and Foley Board member Rana Altenburg convened a group of Marquette University faculty and administrators to create a funding plan to archive Jim’s materials, including all of his journalism and photojournalism work, at Marquette’s Raynor Library. These materials will ready to be shared in 2024, the 10th anniversary of Jim’s murder.
HOSTAGE ADVOCACY

Research & publications:

- This year the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation, with the support of Wiseblood, published its 4th annual hostage report, *Bringing Americans Home 2022*, authored by Cynthia Loertscher, Director of Research, Hostage Advocacy and Government Affairs. This year’s report contained the first data describing the wrongful detainee landscape from 2001 - 2022. In addition, the report highlighted the plight of U.S. nationals currently held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad and their families. The 2022 report included policy recommendations that were adopted within the U.S. government’s hostage enterprise, included in the National Defense Authorization Act, as well as the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act.

- The report was launched, with the support of New America, at an event with PBS NewsHour’s Amna Nawaz and with New America’s Vice President Peter Bergman moderating. Participating in the discussion on assessing hostage and detainee policy reforms were Christopher Costa, Ali Soufan, Brian Jenkins, Cynthia Loertscher, Mickey Bergman, Jared Genser, Neda Sharghi, Nizar Zakka, and Diane Foley.

- *Bringing Americans Home 2022* was featured in at least 22 news articles, and JWFLF’s hostage and wrongful detainee data was provided or featured in at least 40 news articles in 2022. JWFLF’s data and report can be seen in broadcasts or articles from 60 Minutes, CNN, *Time Magazine, The Washington Post,* *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal,* *PBS NewsHour,* *NPR,* *Bloomberg,* *Foreign Policy,* *The New Yorker* and *Rolling Stone*. In addition, JWFLF’s data supported Canada’s Initiative Against Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations as well as in the United Kingdom’s House of Commons Foreign Affairs publications on wrongful detentions.

In 2022, JWFLF provided support for over 60 individuals directly related to a hostage or detainee held captive abroad.
Hostage Policy Advocacy:

- Led by Representatives Ted Deutch and French Hill, the first ever Congressional Task Force for Americans Held Hostage and Wrongfully Detained Abroad was created in June 2021. This solidified several years of work with our partner, the Syrian Emergency Task Force, to create this critical entity to better assist families with a loved one held abroad, former hostages and detainees reintegrating after captivity, and families seeking accountability for hostage-taking and wrongful detention. This study serves as an important information point for members of Congress with constituents in captivity, and for those who wish to work to free our fellow Americans held abroad.

- JWFLF currently advocates for approximately 50 former hostages and wrongful detainees, families with a loved one currently held abroad, and families who have lost a loved one in captivity. We provide emotional support, strategize advocacy opportunities, connect with third-party experts, elevate cases with our government contacts, amplify public cases in the media, and raise recurring hostage and wrongful detainee issues that must be addressed through US policy change.

AMERICANS WHO RETURNED FROM CAPTIVITY IN 2022:

- **Gustavo Cardenas**
  Venezuela (March 2022)

- **Jorge Alberto Fernández**
  Venezuela (March 2022)

- **Safiullah “Safi” Rauf**
  Afghanistan (April 2022)

- **Anees Khalil**
  Afghanistan (April 2022)

- **Trevor Reed**
  Russia (April 2022)

- **Suellen Tennyson**
  (August 2022)

- **Mark Frerichs**
  (September 2022)

- **Baquer Namazi**
  Iran (October 2022)

- **Jose Angel Pereira**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Osman Khan**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Jose Luis Zambrano**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Kvaw Htav Oo**
  Burma (November 2022)

- **Tomeu Vadell**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Brittney Griner**
  Russia (December 2022)

- **Matthew Heath**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Jorge Toledo**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Jose Luis Zambrano**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Alirio Zambrano**
  Venezuela (October 2022)

- **Tomeu Vadell**
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COUNTRIES WHERE AMERICANS† ARE CURRENTLY HELD HOSTAGE OR WRONGFULLY DETAINED

† JWFLF includes both U.S. Nationals and U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) in its data.

- Belarus
- Cambodia
- China
- Cuba
- Egypt
- Iran
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- Turkey
- Uganda
- United Arab Emirates
- Venezuela
- Yemen

This number reflects only publicly known cases. JWFLF estimates the total number of cases including those not yet made public is much larger.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIANE FOLEY  President and Founder

Diane M. Foley is the mother of five children, including American freelance conflict journalist James W. Foley. She founded the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation in September 2014, less than a month after his public execution. Diane is currently serving as the President of JWFLF.

Since 2014, she has led JWFLF efforts to fund the start of Hostage US and the international Alliance for a Culture of Safety, ACOS. In 2015, she actively participated in the National Counterterrorism Center hostage review which culminated in the Presidential Policy Directive-30. This directive re-organized US efforts on behalf of Americans taken hostage abroad into an interagency Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell, Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs and a White House Hostage Response Group.

Previously, Diane worked first as a community health nurse and then as a family nurse practitioner for 18 years. She received both her undergraduate and master’s degrees from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

DOUG PATTESON
Doug is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received his MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined TURBOCAM in 2005 as its first Chief Financial Officer.

PETER VENTURA, Treasurer
Peter has been a member of the Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, Professional Association team since 2003. In his current role as Principal, he is responsible for multiple pension, 401(k) and 403(b) plan audits. Peter is recognized within the firm as an expert with regard to employee benefit plan audits.

RANA H. ALTERNBURG, Secretary
Rana H. Altenburg is associate vice president for public affairs at Marquette University. She leads the university’s governmental and community relations priorities and has worked at Marquette since 1996. Rana earned a BA in political science and Spanish from Marquette and an MBA from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. She is the founding president of Near West Side Partners and serves on the boards of directors of Business Improvement District 10, Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee Development Corp., Seton Catholic Schools, and the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

JERE VAN DYK
Jere Van Dyk, from Washington State, went to the University of Oregon (track and field scholarship), was in the U.S. Army, went to graduate school at the l’Institut d’Etudes Politiques, and began his career as an aide to U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson in the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.
DAVID ROHDE
David is the Online News Director at The New Yorker, a global-affairs analyst for CNN and a former reporter for Reuters, the New York Times, and the Christian Science Monitor. Rohde was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1996 for stories that helped expose the Srebrenica massacre during the war in Bosnia, and in 2009 he shared a Pulitzer Prize with a team of Times reporters for coverage of Afghanistan and Pakistan. He is the author of three books, including “A Rope and a Prayer: A Kidnapping from Two Sides,” an account of the seven months he spent in Taliban captivity that he co-wrote with his wife, Kristen Mulvihill.

DAVID LEVINSON
David Levinson is one of the seven children of Robert “Bob” Levinson, considered to be the longest held hostage in American history. After Bob was taken captive by Iranian authorities in March 2007, the Levinson family relentlessly advocated for Bob’s safe return, building relationships across the U.S. government and private industries, and with other hostages and their families. The Levinson family’s tireless efforts, along with the help of the Foley Foundation, resulted in the enactment of the Robert Levinson Act in 2020, which strengthens government resources to bring back American hostages. David has been a vocal advocate for action, publicly pressing for hostages and their families through multiple published opinion pieces and media interviews, including on CNN, NBC, Iran International and Voice of America.

David began his professional career in the classroom as a Teach for America corps member, as did Jim Foley. David later became a coach for special education instruction and continues to work at the organization today, leading hiring and retention initiatives as the Managing Director of Strategy, People, and Operations.

ALI SOUFAN, Vice President
Ali Soufan is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Soufan Group. A leading national security and counterterrorism expert, he plays a significant advisory role in global intelligence issues. As an FBI Supervisory Special Agent, Ali investigated and supervised complex international terrorism cases, including the East Africa embassy bombings, the attack on the USS Cole, and the events surrounding 9/11. He also serves as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council. He is the author of Anatomy of Terror: From the Death of bin Laden to the Rise of the Islamic State and the New York Times top-10 bestseller The Black Banners: The Inside Story of 9/11 and the War Against al-Qaeda, winner of the 2012 Ridenhour Book Prize. Ali is an honors graduate of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, where he received his undergraduate double degree in International Studies and Political Science, minoring in Cultural Studies and Anthropology. He received a Master of Arts in International Relations from Villanova University, graduating magna cum laude.

ELLEN SHEARER, Board Chair
Ellen is the William F. Thomas Professor of Journalism at Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications. She also is Executive Editor of Medill News Service in Washington and co-director of the Medill National Security Journalism initiative. She has written and taught extensively in the areas of political journalism, national security journalism and watchdog journalism.

COL CHRISTOPHER P. COSTA, USA, (RET)
Chris Costa is the executive director of the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, and is an Adjunct Associate Professor for Georgetown University with the Security Studies Program –Walsh School
Costa is a leading voice on national security and counterterrorism issues and continues to play advisory roles in national security and intelligence issues. Colonel Costa earned two bronze stars for sensitive human intelligence work in Afghanistan. Assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Development Group with Navy SEALs, he served as the first civilian squadron Deputy Director. In 2013, Costa was inducted into the United States Special Operation’s Commando Hall of Honor for lifetime service to US Special Operations.

Sarah (Levinson) Moriarty Served 2020 – 2022
Sarah (Levinson) Moriarty is one of the seven children of Robert “Bob” Levinson, considered to be the longest held hostage in American history. Since Bob was taken in March 2007, Sarah has been a relentless advocate for her father, building relationships across government and private industry, with other hostages and their families, and with the United Nations Human Rights Council. Sarah and her family’s tireless efforts ultimately resulted in credible information pointing to her father’s unnecessary and unjust death in Iranian captivity. In her professional career, Sarah is an action-oriented problem solver, with a 20-year record of success spanning multiple industries. Sarah currently serves as Director of Capability Building and Workforce Optimization at Novartis Pharmaceuticals, where she is also a member of the Extended Leadership Team in Global Program Management. Sarah graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Communications from the University of Central Florida and has her M.B.A. from the Crummer School of Business at Rollins College. She lives in a small town in New Jersey with her husband and two young children.

Tresha Mabile Served 2021 – 2022
Tresha Mabile is a filmmaker who has documented the United States’ post-9/11 conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan for CNN, Discovery, History, National Geographic, and Showtime. Tresha has worked with released Taliban hostage Caitlan Coleman, and she is currently making a film about American hostages taken by Hezbollah in Lebanon in the 1980s.

Nicholas Rasmussen Served 2018 – 2022
Nicholas Rasmussen is the inaugural Executive Director of the Global Institute to Counter Terrorism. Rasmussen holds appointments as Visiting Professor of Practice at the School of Law, University of Texas at Austin; as Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the National Security College of Australia National University; and as Distinguished Professor of Practice at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. He is also a Non-Resident Senior National Security Fellow at the McCain Institute for International Leadership, where he served as Senior Director of National Security and Counterterrorism programs from 2018 to 2020. Rasmussen holds a B.A. degree from Wesleyan University and an M.P.A. from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs.

James O’Brien Served 2020 – 2022
James O’Brien is Vice Chair of Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG) and heads the firm’s Europe practice. A founder of the firm, he has worked on issues affecting consumer goods, health, entertainment, environment, media (including free speech), telecommunications, and finance. Mr. O’Brien is also a member of the management committee of Albright Capital Management LLC, an affiliated investment advisory firm focused on emerging markets. Mr. O’Brien has served two U.S. administrations as special presidential envoy, securing the release of Americans held hostage abroad and overseeing U.S. policy towards the Balkans. He has been senior advisor to the U.S. Secretary of State and served as the principal deputy director of policy planning at the State Department. He worked to end armed conflicts in Europe, helped develop non-proliferation initiatives after the Cold War, negotiated environmental agreements, and supported initiatives to investigate and prosecute persons responsible for war crimes. Mr. O’Brien earned a B.A. from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, a master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and a J.D. from Yale Law School.
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THE JAMES W. FOLEY FREEDOM AWARDS

The seventh annual James W. Foley Freedom Awards took place on May 4 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.; it also was live-streamed. This fundraising awards event was attended and viewed by U.S. government officials, journalists, returned American hostages and their families, media organizations, press freedom nonprofits, educators, students and interested members of the public.

CNN Anchor and Senior Political Correspondent Abby Phillip was the emcee with Sarah (Levinson) Moriarty serving as the keynote speaker and presenter of the inaugural Robert A. Levinson Excellence in Government Service Award.

2022 Foley American Hostage Freedom Award:
MOHAMED SOLTAN

2022 Foley Humanitarian Award:
ELIZA GRISWOLD AND DEXTER FILKINS

2022 Robert A. Levinson Excellence in Government Service Award:

U.S. SENATOR CHRIS COONS
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TED DEUTCH
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- The Cervantes Group
- Novartis
- The Vaillancourt Family
- Rory Sanchez
- Marquette University
- The Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University
THE EVENT RAISED $224,424.53 TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION'S WORK.
THE JAMES W. FOLEY FREEDOM RUN

On Oct. 15, 2022, thousands of runners globally turned out to “Run for Jim” for the eighth annual James W. Foley Freedom Run. Runners and walkers from all over the world participated in this one-of-a-kind road race to support the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation in remembrance of James W. Foley and all Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms.

The Foley Freedom Run is a traditional 5K Run/Walk held in person at the newly named James W. Foley Community Center in Rochester, N.H., and in Washington, D.C., at Rock Creek Park along with a “Virtual” Run/Walk that brings the event to a worldwide audience.

JAMES W. FOLEY FREEDOM RUN SPONSORS:

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- Ocean Properties, LTD.
- Perles Family Foundation Inc.
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- Freedom Initiative
- Albany Engineered Composites
- Alliance for Dental Care
- Atlas-Heritage Title, LLC
- Bring Our Families Home Campaign
- Godfrey Dentistry
- Holy Rosary Credit Union
- Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice
- Leone, McDonnell & Roberts
- National Journal
- Portsmouth Freemasons - St. John’s Lodge #1
- The Cervantes Group
- Wakefield Thermal
- Wolfeboro Dockside Grille and Dairy Bar
- Northeast Delta Dental
- Studley’s Flower Gardens
THE EVENT RAISED **$129,684.26** TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION.
FOLEY FREEDOM FUND

The James W. Foley Legacy Foundation was founded in 2014 to advocate for American hostages and their families so that others would not experience what the Foley family went through. In 2019, we launched the Foley Freedom Fund to increase our ability to advocate on behalf of American hostages and their families and to ensure that aspiring and freelance journalists have access to journalist safety education. In 2020, we extended our fundraising goal to $1 million in order to see our vision realized: that all American hostages will return home and journalists who bring truth to light, like Jim, will be protected. Thanks to continued support from our community, we have raised $385,092.27 (2019 – 2022) toward that goal.

We believe

- Our government should make the return of any American kidnapped or unjustly detained abroad a national priority.
- Our U.S. hostage policy must be improved to encourage the return of its citizens.
- Our government should be compassionate and transparent with American hostage families.
- Our government should encourage and cooperate with non-governmental experts willing to assist with hostage recovery.
- More must be done to prevent hostage taking through raising awareness and preventive security training, particularly for journalists.

2015
- Funded the start of Hostage US, a non-profit for private needs of hostage/wrongful detainee families and returning victims

2015
- Established the James W. Foley Freedom Fund, a worldwide 5K that brings together thousands of runners and walkers globally to raise awareness of international hostage taking and promote journalist safety

2016
- Established the annual James W. Foley Freedom Awards in Washington DC, to inspire moral courage in hostage advocacy, journalism, and humanitarian work

2016
- Participated in the making of the documentary, Jim: The James Foley Story, to raise awareness of hostage taking and the risks freelance journalists take, particularly in conflict zones

2016
- Became a founding member of the ACOS (A Culture of Safety Alliance), a historic international coalition of media companies, press freedom NGO’s and freelance journalist organizations to strengthen protections for independent journalists

2017
- Provided research on hostage-taking trends to support New America’s report “To Ransom or Not to Ransom”

2022
- Developed W. Foley Safety Modules in collaboration with Marquette University and the Diederich College of Communication, now in use at a dozen journalism schools
Your support has impacted our mission

2019
Published the first non-governmental review of US hostage policy, "Bringing Americans Home" from the perspective of both former hostages and their families.

2020
- Advocated for passage of the Robert A. Levinson, Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, which codifies current policy and better supports wrongfully detained Americans.

2020
- Published the second non-governmental review of US hostage policy, "Bringing Americans Home" from the perspective of both former hostages and wrongful detainees, and their families.

2020
- Provided Hostile Environment and First Aid Training (HEFAT) to more than 60 freelancers through various partnerships since our founding.

2021
- Worked to create the Congressional Task Force for Americans Held Hostages and Wrongfully Detained Abroad.

2021
- Partnered with the Samir Kassir Foundation Skies Center for Media and Cultural Freedom to publish an Arabic translation of the James W. Foley Journalism Safety Modules.

2021
- Partnered with Head Set, virtual reality journalist safety trainers, to teach Stress Management & Civil Unrest for 30 reporters through 2022.

2022
- Accountability and justice for the murders of James Foley, Steven Sotloff, Kayla Mueller, and Peter Kassig, Alexandra Kotey, and 3 British citizens.

2022
- Increased our journalist safety training to 50 freelance journalists through virtual reality-based safety education.

2022
- Expand advocacy and research efforts by creating a full-time Director of Research, Hostage Advocacy and Government Affairs position in Washington.

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- Fundraising: $270,319
- Management & General: $116,895

Foundation Revenue by Type

- Corporate: $286,773
- Individual: $255,887
- Non-Profit: $122,274
- Other: $18,214
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- Publication of The James W. Foley Traveler Safety Guide: March 30, 2023
- Freedom Awards: May 3, 2023
- Latest version of our James W. Foley Journalism Safety Curricula May 3, 2023 (World Press Freedom Day)
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In Honor of James W. Foley
1973 - 2014
International Conflict Journalist
Son, Brother, Parishoner
who aspired to be a man
of moral courage.
Micah 6:8
“For some reason I have physical courage, but, really when I think about it, that’s nothing compared to moral courage. I can go and get those shots, but if I don’t have the moral courage to challenge authority, to write about things that are going to maybe have reprisals on my career, if I don’t have that moral courage, we don’t have journalism.”

- JAMES W. FOLEY October 18th, 1973 - August 19th, 2014
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