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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 service members from all branches of the armed forces who have died as a result of combat casualties, military training accidents, service-related illnesses, suicide, as well as other duty-related deaths as ruled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The vision of Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is to ensure that EVERY child of a fallen patriot 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.
- This is one of the best ways we can honor those who died defending our country.

The need is enormous.

- We estimate that more than 20,000 military children have lost a parent in the line of duty over the last 35 years.
- 96% of surviving spouses are women, and 63% make on average less than \$50,000 a year.
- Even with existing government programs and other scholarships, the average “gap” per child is approximately \$25,000 for four years of college.
- The combined need for all 20,000 children is more than \$500 million.

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 eligible children and not every surviving family is aware of this help.
- The process of finding and applying for help is often confusing and burdensome for children and families.
- Help is generally available, but 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 2002, Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation has granted over \$42 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 9,609 children who qualify for our services enrolled in our database and has supported 1,936 of those children with scholarships and other assistance.
- 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 well placed to relate with the experiences of the families we serve.

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

- We are certified by the Better Business Bureau and Independent Charities of America.
- We are a Gold-Level Guidestar Exchange participant and hold a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, demonstrating our commitment to transparency.

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

- In 1989, five days before Christmas, Sergeant William Delaney Gibbs was killed in action during Operation Just Cause in Panama, leaving behind a young wife and an unborn daughter.
- Our Founder and CEO, David Kim, served with Sergeant Gibbs and was inspired by his sacrifice and never forgot about Sergeant Gibb's or his daughter.
- David Kim returned to the States and founded Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation in 2002.

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 in the future of those they loved most in the world, their children?
- There are many charities that support wounded troops and our active military, but very few support the families and children of those who died in the line of duty.
- This urgent need has never fully been 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.