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REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the SC Remembers 9/11 Foundation Board and our Committee Members, we wholeheartedly thank you for your tremendous support and enthusiastic participation in the numerous activities that enable the work of our organization. Our goal is to honor the lives of those lost during the horrific events of 9/11 over twenty years ago and to ensure that every day, we show our appreciation for our first responders and military members who give so much to keep our community safe and secure.

Through the efforts of our Foundation, we work to engage the community in numerous ways to continuously educate folks of all ages on the sacrifices of those who serve tirelessly on behalf of our communities. Those activities include:

- Tunnel 2 Tower 5K Registered Run Walk
- Student Scholarships for children of first responders and military members
- Annual 9/11 Morning of Remembrance Ceremony
- Community Outreach Programs

As you review our 2023 annual report, please know that our work could not be completed without the generosity of our sponsors, committee members, hundreds of volunteers, emergency responders, military service members and dedicated community members who participate in the events that support our overall goal of always remembering, never forgetting and most importantly, our commitment to our mission to always do good for others.

Together, we achieved tremendous success that will multiply and serve as a launch pad for another great year in 2024. Each year, we strive to increase not only our participants of all ages, but funds also raised and people who receive our support.

Our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributes their time, talent, service and dedication to making our events special and working to carry out our mission. Each of you are valued and appreciated. As we review 2023, please know that we look forward to building on our past success since 2011 to grow our performance in the coming years and enhance the support we provide to others.

Sincerely,

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FOUNDATION HISTORY

THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HAS BEEN SERVING OUR MIDLANDS FIRST RESPONDERS, MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS. OUR MOTIVATION AND HISTORY HOWEVER, BEGINS OVER A CENTURY AGO.



OUR STORY BEGINS DURING THE CIVIL WAR WHEN NORTHERN SOLDIERS WHO WATCHED THE BURNING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, SC, WERE DISMAYED BY THE DEVASTATION, AND UPON RETURNING TO NEW YORK CITY, NYC, DECIDED THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE. IN 1867, THE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE NEW YORK FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION DONATED A HOSE CARRIAGE TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA TO ASSIST IN FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS. ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR YEARS LATER, IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING 9/11, STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF WHITE KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL, LEXINGTON, SC, WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR NYC. WHITE KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, NANCY TURNER, CAME UP WITH THE IDEA TO BUY NYC A FIRE TRUCK AND TITLED THE PROJECT, "SOUTH CAROLINA REMEMBERS". THROUGH VIGOROUS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND GENEROUS DONATIONS, THE STUDENTS AT WHITE KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY WERE ABLE TO HELP RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS TO DONATE A FIRE TRUCK TO NYC'S LADDER 101 ON JUNE 7, 2008 AND "REPAY A DEBT OF KINDNESS" FROM OVER A CENTURY AGO.



AS A "THANK YOU" FOR IT'S GENEROUS GIFT FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF 9/11, NYC GIFTED THE MIDLANDS WITH TWO BEAMS FROM THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN SEPTEMBER OF 2010.



Irmo Firefighter Burl Vreeland, Irmo Fire Chief Mike Sonefeld, Dan Hennigan and Irmo Fire Capt. Tommy Amick stand in front of the Lexington County 9-11 Memorial last week with two steel

beams from the World Trade Center Tower One wreckage that will be used for a Lexington County Memorial set to be unveiled next year to honor fallen first responders.

THE MIDLANDS HAS SUCH A STRONG HISTORY OF SUPPORT AND KINDNESS DURING TIMES OF TRAGEDY WITH NYC, THAT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE MIDLANDS NEVER FORGET THE EVENTS AND SACRIFICES MADE DURING AND AFTER 9/11. NOTICING THE DECLINE IN RECOGNITION OF THE EVENTS OF 9/11, A GROUP OF CITIZENS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BUSINESSES CAME TOGETHER AND BEGAN A PROJECT TO "NEVER FORGET 9/11".

FOUNDATION HISTORY

DAN HENNIGAN TOOK THE LEAD AND BEGAN TO SEEK DONATIONS TO BUILD A MEMORIAL TO EDUCATE AND MEMORIALIZE THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY. AS A 501C3 THE IRMO FIRE FOUNDATION AND CHIEF MIKE SONEFELD ASSISTED WITH EFFORTS BY HANDLING THE BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING FOR THE \$750K PROJECT. USING THE DONATED HISTORICAL BEAMS FROM NYC, THE MIDLANDS 9/11 MEMORIAL, WAS COMPLETED IN 2011. MANY IN THE GROUP POINTED THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN FOUNDATION TO CONTINUE REMEMBERING NOT ONLY THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN LOST ON 9/11, BUT ALSO TO HONOR THE SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE SHOWN EVERYDAY BY OUR LOCAL BRAVE MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE MIDLANDS.



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE 2011 MIDLANDS MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING. ALL OF THE CHILDREN PICTURED LOST A FIRST RESPONDER OR MILITARY SERVICE PARENT IN THE LINE OF DUTY BETWEEN 2001-2011 IN THE MIDLANDS.



IN 2017, THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA WAS ESTABLISHED AND CHAIRED BY DAN HENNIGAN, COUPLED WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM IRMO FIRE CHIEF MIKE SONEFELD, RON CLAMP AND A BOARD OF DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS. THE FOUNDATION WAS CREATED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS THE MIDLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA. AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF OPERATION, THE FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO FIND NEW WAYS TO GIVE BACK WHILE STILL HONORING AND REMEMBERING THOSE THAT MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ON 9/11 AND THOSE THAT CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR STATE AND COUNTRY.

Midlands 9/11 Memorial

The 9/11 Remembrance Memorial was completed and unveiled September 11, 2011, in downtown Columbia next to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on Lincoln Street. The memorial is comprised of two steel historical beams brought down from NYC's Twin Towers. The beams were picked up from storage at Kennedy International Airport Pan-American hangers on September 6, 2010. The beams stayed overnight in NC where the Wilson Fire House hosted them before finally arriving in the Midlands September 7, 2010. Through Ron Clamp's expertise and working with Cornerstone Dimensional our foundation was able to create a monument that will stand the test of time to honor and memorialize fallen First Responders and Military Service Members from the greater South Carolina Midlands area.



Memorial Cabinet

Located inside the main entrance of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, the 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of South Carolina has prepared a display cabinet with articles and artifacts outlining the history of 9/11. The cabinet was added to the north end of convention center hallway across from the cafe on September 5, 2017. The cabinet was designed by Foundation Chairman, Dan Hennigan and Vice President, Mike Sonefeld. The cabinet was made by Poblocki Sign Company located in Raliegh, NC. We memorialize fallen First Responders and Military Service Members and continue to educate why we should "Never Forget" the over 7,000 individuals directly affected during the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The Foundation Coin Story

Solidified in 2019, this coin stands as a memorial and a seal for our foundation, its goals, and its accomplishments.

Symbolism represents something larger, deeper than itself. It encourages introspection and interpretation, forging a bond between the idea and the individual. The Foundation of the First Responders / U.S. Military Seal is a circle, the universally recognized symbol of eternity and continuity. The flag and eagle wing on the seal momentarily break the circle as the eagle wing overlaps the circle as it descends to lift the fallen from the carnage. The historic steel beams transcend in to upward twisted, crossed swords which represent readiness for battle or conflict and military mightiness. For our complete coin story please visit our website, **SCREMBERS911.ORG**



Survivor Tree Sapling

The 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of South Carolina had the opportunity to accept a 9/11 Memorial Survivor Tree Sapling which was planted at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The Survivor Tree sapling was presented by Tom Resta who lost his brother in the September 11th attacks, and Cherie Faircloth-Resta.

The tree was planted November 9, 2020, in memory of all our fallen, including Brain Warner, the brother of Dawn Yamashiro whose birthday was November 9th. The Callery Pear tree sapling, or Bradford Pear tree, is planted on the grounds of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center behind the flags and the Midlands First Responders and Military Service Members Memorial.

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

IN THE 12TH YEAR OF THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S HISTORY, THE FOUNDATION ADDED ANOTHER MEMORIALIZATION OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS FROM THE MIDLANDS. STYLED AFTER THE BROOKLYN WALL OF REMEMBRANCE. THE WALL, ERECTED IN AUGUST 2020, IS DEDICATED TO THE FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE MIDLANDS THAT HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY SINCE 9/11/2001.

THIS YEAR OUR FOUNDATION ADDED FOUR BRAVES HEROES TO OUR WALL.



OFFICER TYRELL OWENS-RILEY
COLUMBIA POLICE
DEPARTMENT
JAN 21, 1991 - SEPT 24, 2022



SPC. JAYSON R. HAVEN
SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD
JUNE 29, 2002 - MAY 25, 2023



JAMES MICHAEL MULLER
IRMO FIRE
DEPARTMENT
NOV 18, 1997 - MAY 26, 2023



LIEUTENANT MICHAEL WOOD
NEWBERRY CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT
JUNE 14, 1975 - JULY 26, 2023



WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

THE WALL, DIRECTLY BEHIND THE MIDLANDS MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS & FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL, DISPLAYS GRANITE PLAQUES FOR EACH OF THE FALLEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. EVERY TIME A MIDLANDS FIRST RESPONDER OR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER MAKES THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN THE LINE OF DUTY A GRANITE PLAQUE WITH THEIR PICTURE, NAME, BRANCH OF SERVICE AND END OF WATCH DATE IS PLACED ON THE WALL OF REMEMBRANCE.

OWNER OF CORNERSTONE DIMENSIONS, RON CLAMP, DESIGNED AND ENGRAVED FOUR INDIVIDUAL PLAQUES TO HONOR OUR FOUR FALLEN HEROES IN THE MIDLANDS THIS YEAR. MAY WE NEVER FORGET THEIR LIFE OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

Columbia Police Department





Officer
Tyrell Owens-Riley
Sept. 24, 2022

South Carolina Army National Guard





SPC
Jayson R. Haven
May 25, 2023

Irmo Fire Department

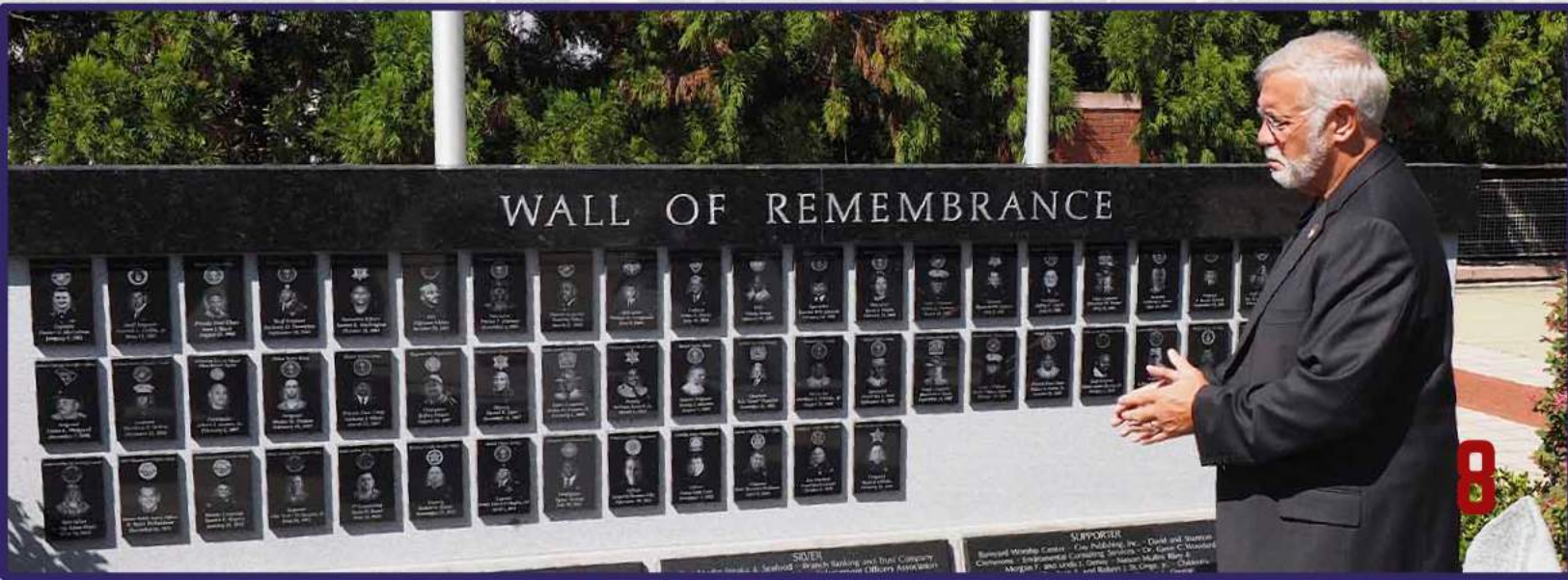


Firefighter
James Michael Muller
May 26, 2023

Newberry City Police Department



Lieutenant
Michael Wood
July 26, 2023



MISSION, PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

**“GIVING BACK TO THE VETERANS, MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS,
FIRST RESPONDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA”.**

**THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA UTILIZES
OUR FOUR OPERATIONAL PILLARS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF OUR LOCAL MILITARY SERVICE
MEMBERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND
HIGHER EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.**

OUR FOUNDATION OPERATES FROM FOUR MAIN PILLARS:



SCHOLARSHIPS

THE HONORING OF HEROES' CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SEEKS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN, WHO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PARENT CURRENTLY SERVING OR WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES OR HAVE AT LEAST ONE PARENT WHO VOLUNTEERS OR IS EMPLOYED AS A FIRST RESPONDER (FIRE/EMS/LAW ENFORCEMENT). THE SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE USED FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR A STUDENT WHO WILL ATTEND A TWO OR FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR ARE DUE BY APRIL 15TH.

SINCE 2017, THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HAS GIVEN 12 SCHOLARSHIPS, TOTALING \$24,000 TOWARDS FURTHERING STUDENTS' HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS.

THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA AWARDED FOUR \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS THIS YEAR TO RECIPIENTS CAROLINA DAVIS, ZARIYAH TAYLOR, MADDI MORANT, AND JORDAN FRANKLIN, WHO ARE ATTENDING USC, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON AND ANDERSON UNIVERSITY.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Madison Morant



Zariyah Taylor



Jordan Franklin



Caroline Davis



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SC WORKS TO ENGAGE OUR LOCAL MIDLANDS COMMUNITY IN NUMEROUS WAYS. OUR GOAL IS TO CONTINUOUSLY EDUCATE FOLKS OF ALL AGES ON THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE WHO SERVE TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THROUGHOUT 2023 OUR FOUNDATION ATTENDED VARIOUS EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS TO SPREAD OUR MISSION OF "GIVING BACK TO THE VETERANS, MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, FIRST RESPONDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA" WITH OUR MIDLAND COMMUNITY. LISTED BELOW ARE SOME OF THE EVENTS WE ATTENDED IN 2023.

FLIGHT DECK PARTNERSHIP

May of 2023 marked one year of partnership with the Flight Deck Restaurant to raise money to fight homelessness among our local veteran population. Everyday Flight Deck Patrons are able to add a donation for the foundation to their check and the restaurant will match all donations made. This year we were able to raise over \$4,000 to help our local homeless veterans.

Owner and operator of the Flight Deck Restaurant, Ted Stambolitis is passionate about helping our local homeless veterans. We are excited to continue to help homeless veterans through this partnership.



USC HOCKEY GAME

On, Friday, February 19th, the University of South Carolina Hockey Team, honored the Tunnel to Towers Foundation during their Military appreciation game. Jared Evans, 9/11 Foundation Board Member, was recognized at the game for his military service and dropped the ceremonial puck. In addition to donating \$4,000 to T2T, the hockey team also provided a customized military jersey to Bryan Hennigan, who was undergoing major medical operations during the game in recognition.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



2023 ST. PATS FESTIVAL

For the past three years, the Foundation has partnered with the Five Points St. Pat's Festival, providing volunteer support critical to operational success for staff and patrons. A Columbia tradition, celebrating its 41st anniversary, the St. Pat's festival brought together more than 50,000 participants from around the Southeast and has donated thousands to local veteran service organizations, as well as other non-profits.

COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE

On June 14, 2023 the 9/11 Remembrance Foundation of South Carolina raised over \$700.00 at their Cheers for a Cause Event. Assistant Volunteer & Events Coordinator, Dr. Aubrey L. Sejuit, hosted this philanthropic event at the Capital City Club of Columbia, SC where she is a member. Tickets were able to be purchased before the event and at the door. Board members spoke about our organization and more money was raised through the generous donations of attendees.



VETERAN'S DAY 5K

For six years, the University of South Carolina has hosted a Veterans Day 5K. The event serves to honor veterans and military service members, while raising proceeds for local veteran and military non-profits. It is a family friendly event, that includes live music, food, drinks, and games for everyone, to include your four-legged friends. In the first five years, the event raised \$82,000 for the Friends of Fisher House at the Dorn VAMC. Foundation board members have provided volunteer support in a variety of roles over the years and have a strong partnership with USC.



2023 Gilbert PEACH FESTIVAL

For the 2nd year, our foundation was granted a space at the Lexington County Peach Festival held on July 4th, 2023 in Gilbert, SC. Over 10,000 people visited the festival over the course of the day, it is a great opportunity to get our message out of service before self. We were able to inform the public about the foundation as a whole, the four pillars of service that we follow, our scholarship program, the Tunnel To Towers 5k, the 9/11 Morning of Remembrance and how to be more engaged in the community with our military and first responders. Many people stop by the booth to offer condolences to the Irmo Fire District on the loss of one of their own. We look forward to joining the community again next year!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SPEAKER AMBASSADOR, DAWN YAMASHIRO

Dawn Yamashiro has been a member of our 9/11 Foundation since 2010 when she attended the city of Columbia's 9/11 memorial service for the beams being brought here from NYC. "I always attend these events, no matter where the city has it and to know that a piece of NYC was here at my home was just wonderful. I attend these 9/11 events because I lost my brother in the world trade center. When 9/11 first happened, I had the support of my community here in Columbia. I have attended every event that the city of Columbia put on for 9/11 because I wanted everyone to know that it just didn't effect those in NYC. It was an event that had ripple effects all over America. I couldn't think of a better way to honor those who were killed on 9/11 than the SC Remembers 9/11 foundation. I also wanted to make sure that those who have been killed in the line of duty since then are remembered. This a way for me to give back to those who've given so much for the community."



At the end of 2022, Dawn was recommended to be a speaker ambassador for the Tunnel to Towers foundation in NYC. Dawn had recently been on a speaking panel with their foundation board member John Carroll and he thought she would represent the T2T foundation well in the southeast area. Our 9/11 foundation has supported the Tunnel to Towers for the past 12 years. We are so excited and proud to have one of our member sharing T2T's mission in our regional communities.



Dawn's first speaking engagement, pictured above, was the weekend of veterans Day, 2023. Friday night, November 9, 2023. The Black Finn in Charlotte, NC held a fundraiser for the Tunnel to Towers foundation. Dawn was able to talk about the T2T foundation as well as introduce the band Blue Monday. This event is the first of many to come!



Dawn represented our 9/11 foundation December 16, 2023 at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery for the wreath laying ceremony. Our foundation donated wreaths for all the local heroes recognized on our wall of remembrance who were buried at South Carolina Veterans Cemeteries. Pictures from the ceremony pictured above and left.

COLUMBIA TUNNEL TO TOWERS EVENT AND PARTNERSHIP

THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HAS HOSTED AND ORGANIZED THE COLUMBIA T2T EVENT FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS.

OUR VISION FOR THE COLUMBIA T2T 5K RUN/WALK EVENT IS TO CREATE A STATEWIDE TRADITION OF HONORING ALL OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND ALL MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM OUR RUN BENEFIT THE T2T FOUNDATION. THE T2T FOUNDATION USES FUNDS RAISED TO PAY OFF MORTGAGES AND BUILD SMART HOMES FOR CATASTROPHICALLY INJURED VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS.

- **SMARTHOME PROGRAM FOR INJURED SERVICE MEMBERS**
- **MORTGAGE FREE-HOMES FOR FALLEN FAMILIES**
- **VETERAN HOMELESS PROGRAM**
- **EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR YOUTH**



TUNNEL TO TOWERS MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO NEVER FORGET THE SACRIFICE OF STEPHEN SILLER AND ALL THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY ON 9/11 AND EVERY DAY SINCE THEN BY SUPPORTING THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH MORTGAGE-FREE HOMES.



THE STEPHEN SILLER STORY

FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN GERARD SILLER WAS THE YOUNGEST OF SEVEN CHILDREN BORN TO MAE AND GEORGE SILLER. AT THE AGE OF EIGHT, STEPHEN LOST HIS FATHER, AND A YEAR AND A HALF LATER HIS MOTHER PASSED AWAY, LEAVING HIM AN ORPHAN TO BE RAISED BY HIS OLDER SIBLINGS. FOR A WHILE STEPHEN WENT THROUGH A PERIOD OF STRUGGLE, BUT THANKS TO THE LOVE OF HIS SIBLINGS, AND THE VALUES INSTILLED IN HIM BY HIS PARENTS, HE GREW UP TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUAL AND DEDICATED FIREFIGHTER. MORE THAN MOST, HE KNEW THAT TIME WAS PRECIOUS AND ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN HIS 34 YEARS.

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, STEPHEN, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO BROOKLYN'S SQUAD 1, HAD JUST FINISHED HIS SHIFT AND WAS ON HIS WAY TO PLAY GOLF WITH HIS BROTHERS WHEN HE GOT WORD OVER HIS SCANNER OF A PLANE HITTING THE NORTH TOWER OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. UPON HEARING THE NEWS, STEPHEN CALLED HIS WIFE SALLY AND ASKED HER TO TELL HIS BROTHERS HE WOULD CATCH UP WITH THEM LATER. HE RETURNED TO SQUAD 1 TO GET HIS GEAR.

STEPHEN DROVE HIS TRUCK TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE BROOKLYN BATTERY TUNNEL, BUT IT HAD ALREADY BEEN CLOSED FOR SECURITY PURPOSES. DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTY, HE STRAPPED 60 LBS. OF GEAR TO HIS BACK, AND RACED ON FOOT THROUGH THE TUNNEL TO THE TWIN TOWERS, WHERE HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE WHILE SAVING OTHERS.

STEPHEN HAD EVERYTHING TO LIVE FOR; A GREAT WIFE, FIVE WONDERFUL CHILDREN, A DEVOTED EXTENDED FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. STEPHEN'S PARENTS WERE LAY FRANCISCANS AND HE GREW UP UNDER THE GUIDING PHILOSOPHY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, WHOSE ENCOURAGING AND INSPIRATIONAL PHRASE "WHILE WE HAVE TIME, LET US DO GOOD" WERE WORDS THAT STEPHEN LIVED BY. STEPHEN'S LIFE AND HEROIC DEATH SERVE AS A REMINDER TO US ALL TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST AND TO SPEND OUR TIME HERE ON EARTH DOING GOOD - THIS IS HIS LEGACY.

AUTHOR AND FAMILY FRIEND JAY PRICE WROTE: "EVERY MOMENTOUS EVENT, EVEN A TRAGEDY, HAS ITS SYMBOLIC FIGURES. SEPTEMBER 11TH WAS NO DIFFERENT; IT JUST HAD A FEW MORE OF THEM. RUDY GIULIANI, FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE, THE FOUR GUYS ON UNITED FLIGHT 93 ... A HUNDRED MORE ... A THOUSAND. NONE BIGGER THAN STEPHEN SILLER, WHOSE STATURE ONLY GROWS WITH TIME AS NEW YORKERS AND PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOLLOW HIS FOOTSTEPS."





MEET THE TEAM

Tunnel TO Towers Foundation

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2023 COLUMBIA EVENT

THE STREETS OF UPTOWN COLUMBIA WERE LINED WITH RUNNERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE WHO ALL CAME TOGETHER FOR ONE PURPOSE – TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHOSE LIVES WERE LOST 22 YEARS AGO IN THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF 9/11. OVER 2300 RUNNERS PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL EVENT HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF THE INNOCENT LIVES LOST, AND THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY MEMBERS WHO GAVE THEIR ALL-IN HOPES OF SAVING OTHERS.

THE TUNNEL 2 TOWERS 5K AND WALK IS HELD ANNUALLY AT THE SITE OF THE 9/11 MEMORIAL AT THE COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER. FIREFIGHTERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, FAMILIES, STUDENTS AND RUNNERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT. PARTICIPANTS ARE A MIX OF NOVICE AND SEASONED RUNNERS – THE ONE THING THEY ALL HAVE IN COMMON IS RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO RUSH INTO THE FACE OF DANGER TO SAVE OTHERS.

TUNNEL TO TOWERS HONORED ONE OF OUR OWN LOCAL HEROES AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT. ADDING ENHANCED MEANING TO THE EVENT WAS THE PARTICIPATION OF JACK OEHM, A RETIRED NEW YORK FIREFIGHTER AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL TUNNEL 2 TOWER FOUNDATION. JACK WAS AN OFF-DUTY BATTALION CHIEF WHO FIRST ARRIVED AT GROUND ZERO AFTER BOTH TOWERS COLLAPSED ON 9/11. HIS ACTIONS AND MEMORIES ON AND SINCE THAT DAY ARE POWERFUL. HE HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO ENSURING THOSE WE LOST ON THAT DAY AND THE DAYS FOLLOWING BECAUSE OF THE TERROR ATTACK, ARE ALWAYS REMEMBERED AND HONORED. JACK PRESENTED EMMA MULLER AND HER SON WITH A PLAQUE HONORING HER HUSBAND, JAMES MULLER'S SACRIFICE. JACK ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT TUNNEL TO TOWERS WOULD BE PAYING OFF THE MULLER'S MORTGAGE TO HONOR THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE JAMES GAVE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AS AN IRMO FIREFIGHTER.



Pictured above: Dan Hennigan, Emma Muller and son, Mike Sonfeld and Jack Oehm



Jack Oehm and Dan Hennigan embracing



2023 COLUMBIA EVENT

SPONSORED BY LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER, THE TUNNEL 2 TOWERS 5K, ENSURED THAT EVERYONE WAS AWARE OF THE RACE AND THE DESIRE TO KEEP THE MEMORIES OF OUR FALLEN HEROES ALIVE – WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

JOINING JACK IN PROVIDING INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE WERE, ROGER SIPE, LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER, DAN HENNIGAN, FOUNDER OF THE 9/11 FOUNDATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE T2T SC COMMITTEE, MIKE SONEFELD, IRMO FIRE CHIEF, AND DIANNE RAWL, GOLD STAR MOTHER. TONY SIGNORINO, A RETIRED FIREFIGHTER, WAS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND PROVIDED THE MUSIC FOR THE AFTER PARTY AND FOR THE SOUTHERN STRUT DANCERS! FORT JACKSON PROVIDED THE COLOR GUARD AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM WAS SUNG BY CANDACE PIPKIN.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED AND WHO HELPS KEEP 9/11 IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR NATION. THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING OUR LIVES AND COMMUNITIES EACH DAY.



Congratulations to the Bluffton Fire Department, pictured below, on being the champion winners of the T2T 5K for seven years in a row. Running in full bunker gear, the team trains regularly to stay physically and mentally fit to the race. This dedicated team has been faithful in their devotion to protect and serve their community and in their commitment to honor the fallen every day. Their love for the T2T is so great, they have duplicated the 5K in their community and others to bring awareness to the challenges of our first responders and military and to always keep the memory of those we lost on 9/11 alive. Thank you, Bluffton Fire Department, for being true champions.

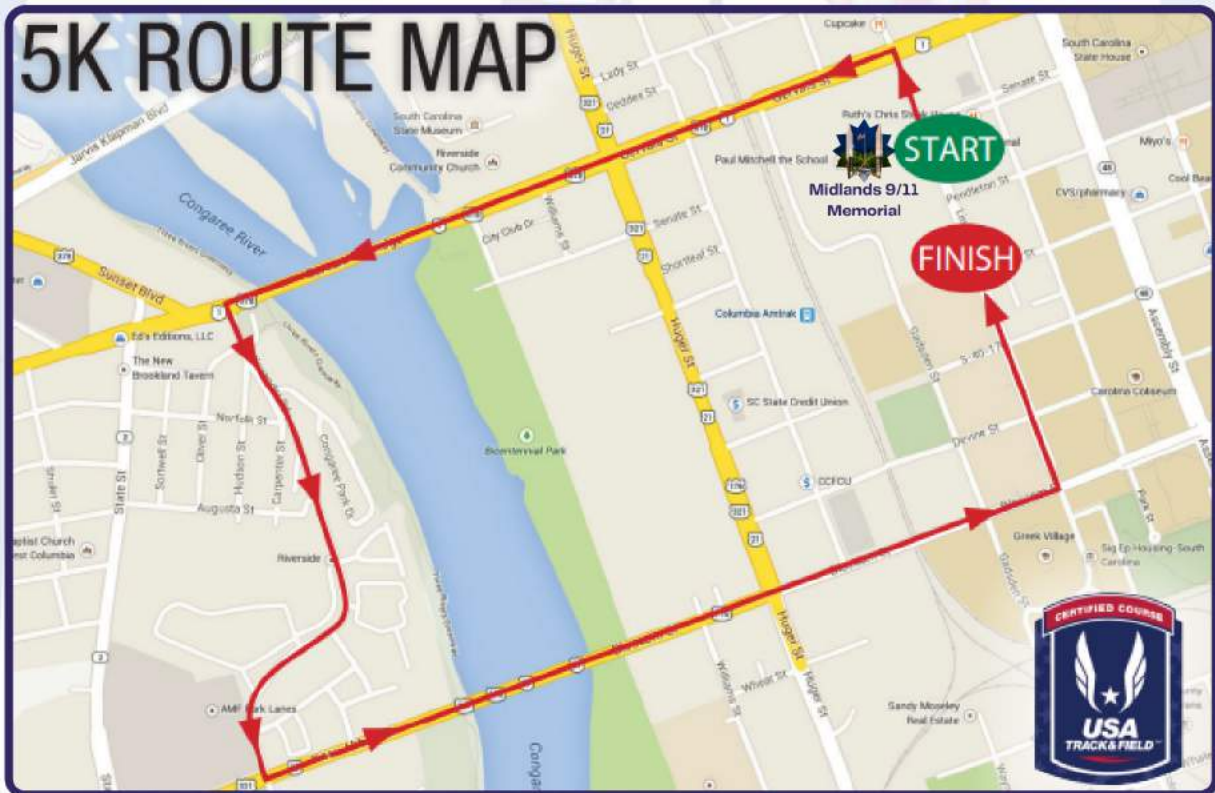


Southern Strut and Candace Pipkin



Bluffton Fire Department

COLUMBIA RACE ROUTE



- The start line was in front of Liberty Taproom on Lincoln Street.
- Runners made their first turn onto Gervis Street with several water stations in place along the route as well as EMS crews and local fire departments.
- Runners took their 2nd turn onto Alexander Rd where signs honoring the fallen 343 reminded them of the selfless service and sacrifice first responders made on 9/11 21 years ago.
- Runners took their 3rd left onto Blossom Street, crossed over the Blossom Street Bridge to the encouragement of the Patriot Riders.
- Runners took their final left turn back onto Lincoln Street.
- The Finish line was in front of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center at Lincoln and Senate Street.

VOLUNTEERS

OUR RACE RUNS ON VOLUNTEERS. EVERYTHING FROM REGISTRATION AND PACKET PICK UP AND STAFFING WATER STATIONS. THE NEEDS ARE MANY AND THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF HISTORY.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR RACE IS TO RAISE FUNDS TO BUILD SMART HOMES FOR CATASTROPHICALLY INJURED VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. FUNDS RAISED ARE ALSO UTILIZED TO PAY OFF THE MORTGAGES FOR THE FAMILIES OF THESE FALLEN HEROES. THE ANNUAL TUNNEL TO TOWERS 5K EVENT IN COLUMBIA, SC IS THE 2ND LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY OUTSIDE OF NYC!

IN 2023 WE WERE JOINED BY MANY RETURNING VOLUNTEERS, SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR OVER 10 YEARS. ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING INCLUDE:

- LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER
- ENTERPRISE CAR RENTALS
- INDIAN WATERS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
- MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS GIRL SCOUTS
- LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL JROTC
- WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL JROTC
- SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL JROTC
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC
- BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA
- AFLAC



WE WERE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF OUR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS THIS YEAR AS WELL.

- THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION WAS AWARDED TO LITTLE MISS SOUTH CAROLINA PAGEANT ORGANIZATION. THEY HAVE VOLUNTEERED SINCE THE BEGINNING, RUNNING WATER STATIONS AND SERVING AS COURSE MONITORS.
- THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY INDIVIDUAL PARTNERS WAS AWARDED TO TAMMY HARTFORD AND WAS PRESENTED TO HER BY JACK DEHM, AMBASSADOR FOR THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION.

SOME OF THE WAYS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CAN VOLUNTEER INCLUDE:

- RACE REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS
- PACKET PICK UP VOLUNTEERS
- T-SHIRT VOLUNTEERS
- WATER STATIONS: THERE ARE 3 WATER STATIONS ON THE COURSE. EACH ONE REQUIRES AT LEAST 15 VOLUNTEERS.
- PARKING LOT MONITORS
- THE 343: ON 9/11/2001, WE LOST 343 FIRST RESPONDERS WHEN THE TWIN TOWERS FELL. AT OUR RACE, WE HAVE POSTER SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS OF EACH OF THOSE HEROES.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, WE WOULD LOVE TO SPEAK WITH YOU. PLEASE REACH OUT TO LAURIE STOKES AT T2TRUNVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM.

MARKETING SUMMARY

THE EVENT RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:

- LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER
- SOCIAL MEDIA – INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, TWITTER “X”
- WIS TV – SODA CITY LIVE, SODA CITY LIVING, AND NEWS REPORTS
- WACH FOX
- KEVIN COHEN RADIO
- CITY OF COLUMBIA SOCIAL MEDIA
- COLA TODAY
- COLUMBIA CHAMBER SOCIAL MEDIA



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA RAISED \$81,735 FOR THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS COLUMBIA 5K EVENT. THE FOUNDATION INCURRED \$15,219 IN EVENTS COSTS. OVERALL, THE FOUNDATION WAS ABLE TO RAISE OVER \$66,500 FOR THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION, SO THEY COULD CONTINUE TO “DO GOOD” AND HELP OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AROUND THE NATION. BELOW IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE MONEY RAISED AND EXPENSES INCURRED.

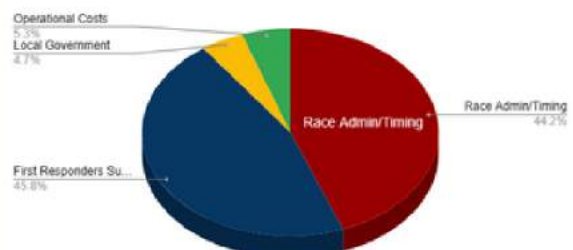
Funds Raised

- Registration- \$38,548
- Sponsorship- \$34,816
- Donations- \$8,370



Expenses

- Race Admin/Timing- \$6,727
- 1st Responder Support- \$6,961
- Local Government Fees- \$720
- Misc. Operations- \$811



Tunnel to Towers Foundation
5K RUN & WALK COLUMBIA, SC

SPONSORSHIP



Roger Sipe

Senior VP of Operations
Lexington Medical Center

TUNNEL TO TOWERS COLUMBIA ALIGNS ITS MISSION WITH THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION TO ASSIST THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS THROUGH THE SMART HOME, GOLD STAR FAMILY AND FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER HOME PROGRAMS. THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE ENDLESS SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS ACROSS THE STATE AND OUR NATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE OUR SPONSORS BOTH IN-KIND AND FINANCIAL.

Financial Sponsors

- Lexington Medical Center
- Jim Hudson Automotive
- Gregory Electric
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Elliot Davis



In Kind Sponsors- Hospitality America, Pepsi, Optec, CMCC, Schroeder's Towing, Local Waste, Old Mill, KW Beverage, Trader Joe's, Mirror Studios, Pine Press Printing, Southern Strut and Tony Signorino.



SUPPORT THE COLUMBIA T2T EVENT IN 2024

T2T COLUMBIA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION ALONGSIDE THE T2T FOUNDATION TO "DO GOOD" WITHOUT GENEROUS DONORS AND SPONSORS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DONOR OR SPONSOR, PLEASE CONTACT

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- NATIONAL FOUNDATION DIRECTOR, ADAM SANTAMARIA, ADAMSANTAMARIA@T2T.ORG
- T2T FOUNDATION, T2T.ORG

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR NATION'S FIRST RESPONDERS, MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.



MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE

THE 9/11 MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY HONORED THE LIVES OF THOSE LOST 22 YEARS AGO IN THE 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACK ON NEW YORK CITY, WASHINGTON, D.C, AND SHANKSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO HONORED WERE FOUR BRAVE LOCAL HEROES WHO REPRESENTED THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY – JAMES MICHAEL MULLER, IRMO FIRE DEPARTMENT, SPC JAYSON R. HAVE, SC NATIONAL GUARD, OFFICER TYRELL OWENS-RILEY, COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND LIEUTENANT MICHAEL WOOD, NEWBERRY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.



PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL AND THEIR FAMILIES WAS THE THEME OF GOVERNOR HENRY McMASTER'S SPEECH TO THE HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED TO PAY THEIR RESPECT. WE CONTINUE TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TRAGIC ATTACKS OF 9/11 INCLUDING FIRST RESPONDERS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND COUNTLESS OTHERS WHOSE ACTS OF SERVICE TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF OTHERS AND DEFEND OUR FREEDOM COST THEM THE ULTIMATE PRICE. WE WILL NEVER FORGET AND WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER. GOVERNOR McMASTER ALSO SHARED MESSAGES OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE MILITARY EMPHASIZING THE ROLE, THEY PLAY IN SAFEGUARDING OUR HOMELAND AND COMMUNITIES.



ECHOING THE SENTIMENTS OF GOVERNOR McMASTER, KEVIN SHWEDO, CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, SHARED HIS THOUGHTS ON THE ACTS OF HEROISM WITNESSED ON 9/11. MR. SHWEDO ALSO CHALLENGED PARTICIPANTS TO FIND OUR LOCAL HEROES AND TO NOT ONLY REMEMBER THE NAMES BUT GO TO PLACES TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE AND SACRIFICE. FIND THE HEROES WHO MAKE THE SACRIFICE TO KEEP OUR GREAT COUNTRY AND SHAKE THEIR HANDS. TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE GREAT SACRIFICES MADE EACH DAY BY THESE MEN AND WOMEN AND APPRECIATE THEIR WORK. MAKE SURE THAT AS AMERICANS, WE REMEMBER THOSE WE LOST AND WE THANK THOSE WHO SAVE US.



SCANG F16
Flyover



MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE



THE SPEAKERS WERE POWERFUL IN THE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT, APPRECIATION, RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE. PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR LOCAL FALLEN HEROES WERE MAJOR GENERAL VAN MCCARTY IN HONOR OF SPECIALIST JAYSON R. HAVEN, CHIEF SKIP HOLBROOK IN HONOR OF MASTER POLICE OFFICER TYRELL OWENS-RILEY, COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF KEVIN GOODMAN IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL WOOD, NEWBERRY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF MICHAEL SONEFELD IN HONOR OF FIREFIGHTER J. MICHAEL MULLER, IRMO FIRE DEPARTMENT.



TRUE HEROES ARE THOSE WHO RUN INTO THE FACE OF DANGER TO PROTECT THOSE OF US WHO RUN THE OPPOSITE WAY.



THE 9/11 MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY WAS ENHANCED BY THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AIR NATIONAL GUARD 169TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, THE 246 ARMY BAND SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, TYLER RYAN, EMCEE, REVEREND KERMIT MORRIS, DANIEL HENNIGAN, FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE 9/11 FOUNDATION, DEPUTY BRIANA MELTON, RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, JOINT HONOR GUARD MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY, DIANE RAWL, MAJOR DAVID KERR, CRAIG CURREY, DAVID PELLEY AND MEMBERS OF THE PALMETTO PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE AND SHARING THE LESSONS OF THAT TRAGIC DAY.



THANK YOU ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND WHO CONTINUE TO HONOR THE LIVES OF THOSE LOST. THE MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS A POIGNANT REMINDER OF AN EVENT 22 YEARS AGO THAT CHANGED OUR LIVES FOREVER. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO THOSE WHO LOST A LOVED ONE DURING 9/11 AND SINCE THAT TIME IN THE LINE OF DUTY. WE REMEMBER AND WILL NEVER FORGET.



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Officer Tyrell Owens-Riley Columbia Police Department



Jan 21, 1991 – Sept 24, 2022

Tyrell was an officer with the City of Columbia since May 2015. Tyrell took pride in helping bridge the gap between police and the neighborhood in which he grew up by helping with Community events such as front porch roll call, Meet a Cop, and The Obama Foundation. He was also a Marine Corps Veteran, completing 2 deployments in Afghanistan. Tyrell with his quiet demeanor, was an honest, dependable and loving person. Surprisingly, he was known for being a prankster, who enjoyed gaming, watching western movies, informative reading and drawing in his spare time. He also enjoyed spending time traveling with friends and family. Tyrell is preceded in death by his father, Roger Keitt, maternal grandparents, Candice Owens-Riley and Leafus Riley, and paternal grandfather, Thomas Green. Tyrell is lovingly survived by his mother, Shauna Riley; his daughter, Akemaj Keitt; his fiancé, Ashley Maddox; siblings, Jacquetta Riley, Tasia Riley, Jalin Turnipseed, and Ralkeem Gidron; and his paternal grandmother, Ruby Keitt.



SPC. Jayson R. Haven South Carolina Army National Guard



June 29, 2002 – May 25, 2023

SPC Jayson Reed Haven was born in Pembroke Pines, Florida, on June 29, 2002. He was the son of Jeff Allen Haven and Susanne J. Diaz. When SPC Haven was 14, he moved from Florida to Aiken, South Carolina. He joined the South Carolina Army National Guard on January 21, 2020, and was assigned to Bravo Company, 1st of the 118th Infantry Regiment in Charleston, South Carolina. After completing his military training as an Infantryman (11B) at Ft. Benning, Georgia, he attended the University of South Carolina. SPC Haven was assigned as a machine gunner and mobilized to support Operation Spartan Shield in Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in August, 2022. On May 25, 2023, SPC Haven died in a non-combat vehicle rollover accident in Camp Buehring, Kuwait. SPC Haven's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. SPC Haven will live on through his family, friends, and brothers and sisters who served with him.

WE REMEMBER AND WILL NEVER FORGET



James Michael Muller Irmo Fire Department



Nov 18, 1997 – May 26, 2023

James Muller was a devoted firefighter to the Irmo Fire Department. James came into the fire service through the Lexington District One Technology Centers Firefighting Program. He excelled in the program and was an intern at Irmo Fire until he turned 18 and was hired immediately. His desire to do the best in his profession was always noticeable and he passed that energy to firefighters around the country. James served for only seven years at Irmo Fire, but the impact he had on the people and culture in the fire service will carry on for decades. James applied the same level of devotion and ambition to his family, his wife and his son. He truly is a one in a million gift to everyone who had an opportunity to know him. He is survived by his wife, Emma Bouyea Muller; son, Cole; parents, Christopher and Denise Muller; sister, Ambree Muller; sister-in-law, Megan Widener and Mary Bouyea.



Lieutenant Michael Wood Newberry City Police Department



June 14, 1975 – July 26, 2023

Lieutenant Michael Wood was a valued member of the Newberry Police Department and South Carolina Law Enforcement community where he was a twenty-year law enforcement veteran. Lieutenant Wood is remembered as a hard worker who embodied community policing. Newberry Police Chief Kevin Goodman shared how Lieutenant Wood established a walk-and-talk program where citizens and police would walk the neighborhood streets together. The only rule - "they couldn't talk about work". It was a chance for relationships to grow and trust to be built. Lieutenant Wood was a member of the Newberry Police Department family, a friend, a husband, a father, and committed member to his community. He will be dearly missed. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and their two teenage sons.

2023 MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM



Morning of Remembrance Sequence of Events



Our ceremony will begin promptly at 8:40 a.m. We encourage everyone to arrive early, gathering in silence for a musical prelude beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- 8:00 Musical Prelude, Families of Fallen Heroes**
• 246th Army Band, SCARNG & White Knoll High School Choir
- 8:40 Welcome - Mr. Tyler Ryan, EMCEE**
- 8:44 Invocation**
• Reverend Kermit Morris, Grandfather of J' Michael Muller, Irmo Fire Department
- 8:46 "Two bells denoting 30 seconds to the time of the 1st plane strike"**
• Narrated by 1st Sgt David Pelley, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired
- 8:47 One bell sounds - Moment of Silence**
- 8:48 Reflections**
• Mr. Daniel C. Hennigan, U.S. Army, Retired, Memorial Founder and Chairman
- 8:53 Pledge of Allegiance**
• Engineer Charles Boone, Columbia-Richland Fire Department
- 8:54 Presentation of Colors**
• Joint Honor Guard of Community Partners
- 8:58 National Anthem / Flyover**
• Deputy Briana Melton, Richland County Sheriff's Department
• F-16 Flyover, SCANG, 169th Fighter Wing
- 9:02 "Two bells denoting 30 seconds to the time of the 2nd plane strike" (Narration)**
- 9:03 One bell sounds - Moment of Silence**
- 9:03 Helicopter Flyover**
• State Law Enforcement Division & Richland County Sheriff's Department
- 9:04 Remarks by Governor Henry D. McMaster**
- 9:08 Military, First Responders, Gold Star and Blue Star Family Members:**
• Mrs. Diane Rawl, Gold Star Mother, Mother of 1LT Ryan Rawl, SCARNG
- 9:10 Key Note Remarks - Honorable Kevin Shwedo, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army - South Carolina and Fort Gordon & Executive Director, SCDMV**
- 9:17 Recognition of Our Fallen Heroes**
• MG Van McCarty in Honor of Specialist Jayson R. Haven, Co. B, 1-118th Infantry, SCARNG
• Chief Skip Holbrook in Honor of Master Police Officer Tyrell Owens-Riley, Columbia Police Dept.
• Chief Kevin Goodman in Honor of Lieutenant Michael Wood, Newberry City Police Dept.
• Chief Michael Sanefeld in Honor of Firefighter, James M. Muller, Irmo Fire Dept.
- 9:29 Roll Call of Our Fallen Heroes - Honor Guard of Military Service Members & First Responders**
• Commander of Troops, Major David Kerr, U.S. Army, Retired
- 9:36 "Two bells sound denoting 30 seconds to the time of the 3rd plane strike" (Narration)**
- 9:37 One bell sounds - Moment of Silence**
- 9:42 Memorial Wreaths Presentation with the Departments and Families of Honored Fallen Heroes**
• Palmetto Pipes and Drums - Led by Glen Adams, EM5 Retired
- 9:46 "Musical Tribute" - White Knoll High School Choir - Directed by Cheryl Felder**
- 9:52 TAPS - 246th Army Band, SCARNG**
- 9:55 Benediction**
• Colonel Craig Currey, U.S. Army, Retired
- 10:00 God Bless America**
• Deputy Briana Melton, Richland County Sheriff's Department
- 10:06 "Two bells sound denoting 30 seconds to the time of the 4th plane strike" (Narration)**
- 10:07 One bell sounds - Moment of Silence**
- 10:12 Closing Remarks - Mr. Tyler Ryan, EMCEE**
- 10:13 Musical Postlude - 246th Army Band, SCARNG & White Knoll High School Choir**

WE REMEMBER

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| Daniel G. McCollum | Captain | USMC | 01/09/02 |
| Patrick L. Griffin Jr. | Staff Sergeant | USAF | 05/13/03 |
| Vorn J. Mack | Private First Class | USA | 08/23/03 |
| Anthony O. Thompson | Staff Sergeant | USA | 09/18/03 |
| Donnie R. Washington | Narcotics Officer | RCSD | 10/16/03 |
| Algernon Adams | PV2 | SCANG | 10/28/03 |
| Darius T. Jennings | Specialist | USA | 11/02/03 |
| Timothy Toney | Master Sergeant | USMC | 03/27/04 |
| Thomas D. Caughman | Specialist | USAR | 06/09/04 |
| James E. Myers | Captain | ODPS | 07/18/04 |
| Timmy Young | FEO | CFD | 01/20/05 |
| Katrina Bell Johnson | Specialist | USA | 02/16/05 |
| Jason L. Moski | Specialist | USA | 02/25/05 |
| Joshua L. Torrance | Lance Corporal | USMC | 03/14/05 |
| Byron Keith Cannon | Deputy | RCSD | 05/04/05 |
| Jeffery V. Chavis | Firefighter | LCFD | 05/16/05 |
| Jonathan W. Parker | Lance Corporal | SCHP | 05/16/05 |
| Anthony G. Jones | Sergeant | USA | 06/14/05 |
| A. Joseph Derrick | Sergeant | SCANG | 09/23/05 |
| Jay Tirona Collado | Staff Sergeant | USMC | 02/20/06 |
| Almar L. Fitzgerald | Lance Corporal | USMC | 02/21/06 |
| Woodford "Woody" King | Lieutenant | RCEMS | 08/05/06 |
| David G. Weimortz | Corporal | USMC | 08/26/06 |
| Jason L. Sheppard | Sergeant | ACSD | 12/07/06 |
| Matthew V. Dillon | Corporal | USMC | 12/11/06 |
| Albert T. Gunter Sr. | Paramedic | WARS | 02/06/07 |
| Shawn M. Dunkin | Sergeant | USA | 02/19/07 |
| Anthony J. White | Private First Class | USA | 03/25/07 |
| Jeffery Swartz | Firefighter | WFD | 08/19/07 |
| Darral K. Lane | Deputy | RCSD | 12/14/07 |
| James D. Haynes | Lance Corporal | SCHP | 02/01/08 |
| William Howell Jr. | Deputy | OCSO | 03/03/08 |
| Danny E. Maybin | Master Sergeant | USA | 08/07/08 |
| W.E. "Gene" Franklin | Chaplain | SFD | 11/11/08 |
| Abraham S. Wheeler | Specialist | USA | 08/28/09 |
| Demetrius L. Void | Specialist | USA | 09/15/09 |
| Jonathan S. Nash | Lance Corporal | SCHP | 09/19/09 |
| Mills Palmer Bigham | Lance Corporal | USMC | 10/19/09 |
| Robert E. Foster | Private First Class | USA | 10/21/09 |
| Willie James Harley Jr. | Staff Sergeant | SCANG | 10/01/10 |
| Luther W. Rabon Jr. | Sergeant | SCANG | 10/01/10 |
| Andrew S. Bubacz | Staff Sergeant | USAF | 11/12/10 |
| Chance H. Zobel | Firefighter | CFD | 11/13/10 |

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| Charles R. Nesbitt Jr. | Corporal | SPD | 01/21/11 |
| LaShawn D. Evans | Sergeant | USA | 02/15/11 |
| Kalin C. Johnson | Private First Class | USA | 03/08/11 |
| Corey Allan Hyatt | Specialist | SCANG | 05/24/11 |
| E. Scott Richardson | Master Public Safety Officer | ADPS | 12/21/11 |
| Sandra E. Rogers | Master Corporal | ADPS | 01/28/12 |
| John "J.D" Meador II | Sergeant | SCANG | 06/20/12 |
| Ryan D. Rawl | 1st Lieutenant | SCANG | 06/20/12 |
| Robert L. Evans | Deputy | KCSO | 11/27/13 |
| James Edward Chaffin III | Captain | USA | 04/01/14 |
| Tyron Weston | Firefighter | CFD | 07/26/15 |
| Gregory Thomas Alia | Officer | FAPD | 09/30/15 |
| Stacy Lynn Case | Officer | CPD | 11/07/15 |
| Dale Shannon Hallman | Corporal | SCSO | 04/06/18 |
| Paul Quattlebaum | Fire Engineer | LCFD | 10/04/19 |
| Andrew Gillette | Corporal | SCSD | 02/25/20 |
| Roy Andrew "Drew" Barr, Jr. | Corporal | CPD | 04/24/22 |
| Tyrell Owen Riley | Officer | CPD | 09/24/22 |
| Jayson R. Haven | Specialist | SCANG | 05/25/23 |
| James Micheal Muller | Firefighter | IFD | 05/26/23 |
| Michael Wood | Lieutenant | NCPD | 07/26/23 |

THE FALLEN HEROES





MAY WE NEVER FORGET

THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONTINUE TO HONOR THE NOW 64 FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE MIDLANDS AT EVERY MORNING OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY SINCE 2001.

PARTNERSHIP AND SPONSORS

OUR MISSION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE ENDLESS SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY, DONORS, AND SPONSORS. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE IMMENSE SUPPORT FROM THE MIDLANDS AREA AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TIME TO RECOGNIZE SPONSORS OF THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BOTH IN-KIND AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS.

OUR 2023 PARTNERS ARE LISTED BELOW:

- DENNIS CORPORATION
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- T-BONZ RESTAURANT
- TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION
- NETWORK FOR GOOD (UNITED WAY)



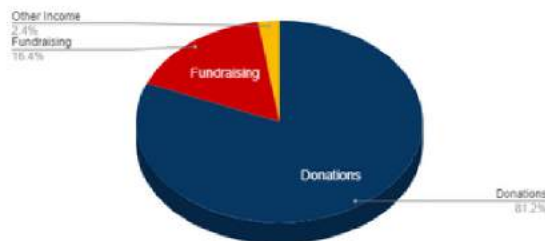
FINANCIALS

THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA RAISED \$15,267 THROUGH SPONSORSHIP, FUNDRAISERS AND DONATIONS IN 2023. THE FOUNDATION INCURRED \$18,007 IN OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEMORIAL UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE 2023 YEAR. OVERALL, THE FOUNDATION SPENT AN OVERALL NET OF \$2,740 TO CONTRIBUTE TO HELPING OUR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS, MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

BELOW IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE MONEY RAISED AND EXPENSES INCURRED.

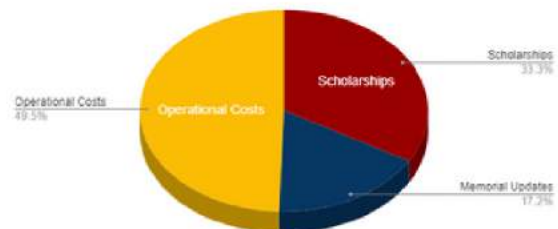
Funds Raised

- Donations- \$12,407
- Fundraising- \$2,500
- Other- \$360



Expenses

- Operating Costs- \$8,912
- Scholarships- \$6,000
- Memorial Updates- \$3,095



SUPPORT IN 2024

THE 9/11 REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION MEMORIALIZING FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND ASSIST THEIR FAMILIES WITHOUT THE HELP OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS, SPONSORS, AND VOLUNTEERS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DONOR, PLEASE CONTACT

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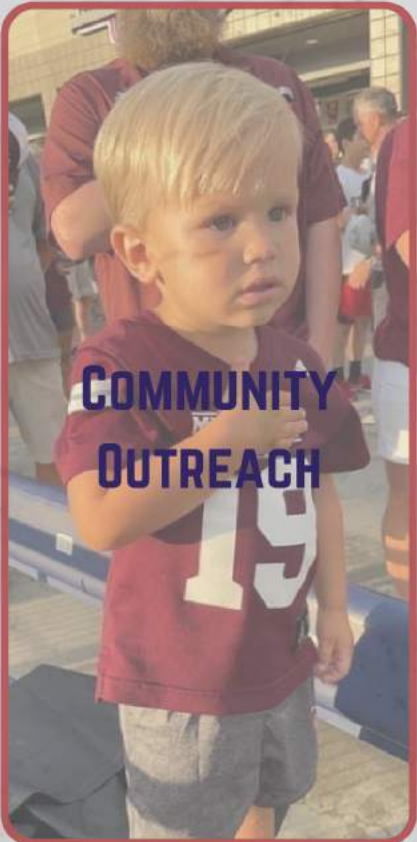


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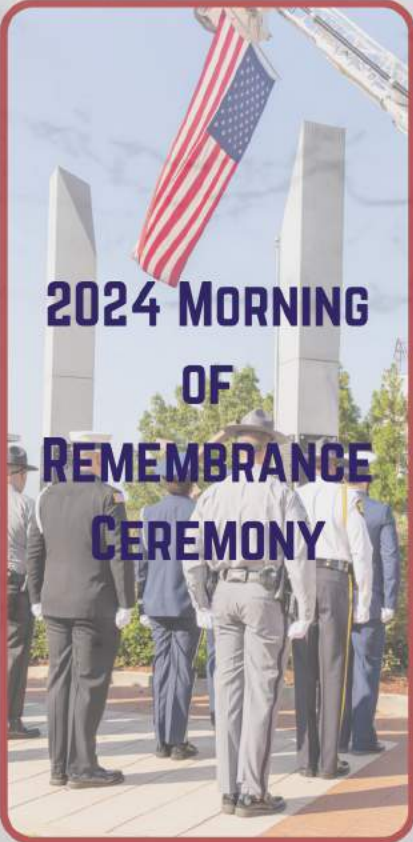
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