

“CLIMBING FOR A CAUSE”



# 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

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## National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

The United States Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the tax-exempt, nonprofit Foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor our fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is registered as a corporation in the State of Maryland. The Foundation receives funding through private donations from caring individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations.

When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, life changes forever for the surviving family members. For families of firefighters who have been honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, there is a place to go each year to find support and comfort, make new friends, and create new memories. Each year the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation hosts a conference devoted to the needs of adult survivors who have lost a firefighter in the line of duty. Survivors attend workshops on a variety of topics related to grief, wellness, self-care, and practical skills. They spend time getting to know one another in small groups, during meals, and on evening outings.

The conference is open to adult survivors of firefighters who have been honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Spouses, significant others, parents, siblings, and adult children are invited to attend.

Survivors can provide a unique kind of support to one another. Simply connecting with someone else who has lost a beloved firefighter can offer a sense of hope and understanding. Members of our Fire Service Survivors Network volunteer to reach out to others. The Foundation matches members of the network with survivors who face similar circumstances. For example, we have brought together spouses who are raising teenagers, women who were pregnant when they lost their husbands, and parents who have lost their only child.

Sometimes, survivors live close enough to one another that they are able to meet in person. More often, they keep in touch by e-mail, letters or phone. Many close friendships have grown from matches made through the Network.

Most importantly, members of this special network remind new survivors that they are not alone.

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NFFF Receives 4-Star Rating From Charity Navigator for Second Year

April 8, 2014

For the public and firefighters it's important to know their generous donations to fire service charities are having an impact and making a difference. To ensure that happens, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) has made sound fiscal management a priority and has long been committed to accountability and transparency. That's why NFFF is pleased to announce that Charity Navigator, the nation's premier charity evaluator, awarded their coveted 4 out of 4-Star rating to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for the second consecutive year. Only 19 percent of the organizations rated by Charity Navigator have received at least two consecutive 4-Star evaluations.

“The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is conscientious about using our financial resources to honor the nation's fallen firefighters. We do so by providing important services such as conferences, workshops and scholarships to the survivors,” said Ronald J. Siarnicki, executive director of the NFFF. “We are thrilled to receive this designation from Charity Navigators for the second year in a row.”

A 4-Star rating reassures potential donors that an organization adheres to good governance and other best practices. It shows that a charity consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

The news media in recent years has pointed out that an increasing number of firefighter charities are under scrutiny. Siarnicki explained, “This year NFFF was contacted by reporters after line-of-duty deaths in major cities and small towns with questions on how the public can make sure their donations in honor of the fallen go to reputable organizations.” One of those tips is to check out the organization through Charity Navigator.

In addition, the NFFF has worked with several fire service charities and other organizations to ensure their fundraising meets the highest standards. For more information about the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and how to support the mission, go to [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org).



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## “I CLIMBED TO REMEMBER THE FALLEN”

Families of fallen firefighters face a long and difficult journey. While the rest of the world moves on, family members must figure out how to live without their loved one. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation offers a variety of programs and materials to help during this most difficult time. **Most importantly, the NFFF want them to know that they are not alone.** There are others who understand their loss and honor their loved one's memory.

We want to thank you for your consideration in sponsoring and attending this years **6th Annual Springfield Area 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb**, being held on **Saturday, September 22, 2018**. Your contribution will help support the many survivors of the horrific events on September 11, 2001. Firefighters and civilians from across the country will be participating in memorial stair climbs to help raise money that will go directly to supporting the families of the fallen 343 FDNY members and other programs provided by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

All proceeds will support the families that lost their loved ones on 9/11.

***Thank you for your consideration,***

***Springfield Area Stair Climb Coordinators:***

***Adam Neff, Founder & Lead Coordinator***

***Whitney Weaver, Event Coordinator***

***Athena Fitts, Event Registration Coordinator***

***Julie Mercer, Event Sponsorship Coordinator***

***Jennifer Schowengerdt, Event Volunteer Coordinator***

***Mike Novak, Event Safety Coordinator***



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## **Event Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) \$10,000**

- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Large logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company
- Logo on all participants shirts
- Banners (4) and Signs (2) at event site
- Sponsor recognition in comprehensive media campaign (print, TV, radio)
- Speaking opportunity at event
- Opportunity to use National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) logo for one year
- Name/Announcement on NFFF website and (2) email blasts to all NFFF database
- (2) NFFF social media news announcements
- Opportunity to sit on Stair Climb event planning committee
- First right of refusal in 2019
- A Walk of Honor® Brick at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland

## **Bell Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) \$5,000**

- Large display at Fire Bell location during event
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Large logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company
- Logo on all printed materials
- Banners (1) and Signs (2) at event site
- Sponsor recognition in comprehensive media campaign (print, TV, radio)
- Opportunity to use National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) logo for one year
- Name/Announcement on NFFF website and (1) email blasts to all NFFF database
- (1) NFFF social media news announcements
- A Walk of Honor® Brick at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland
- Speaking opportunity at event

## **Climber Shirt Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) (2 Available) \$2,500**

*These are T-shirts that all registered climbers receive at the climb.*

- Large logo on Climber t-shirt (343 Shirts)
- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Opportunity to use National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) logo for one year
- A Walk of Honor® Brick at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company
- Logo on all printed materials

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## **Survivor Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) \$1,200**

*There will be approx. 12 survivors attending that have lost a family member that was a firefighter. This sponsorship covers all of their expenses including Shirt, lanyard with their loved ones ID badge, and meals.*

- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Large logo on Survivor t-shirt (*Ask me about my firefighter*)
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company

## **Volunteer Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) \$1,000**

*There will be approx. 30 volunteers assisting before and during the climb. This sponsorship covers all of their expenses including Shirt, lanyard, and lunch.*

- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Large logo on Volunteer t-shirt
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company

## **Check-In Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) \$1,000**

*Check-in takes place prior to the event in Springfield. Check-In also will be prior to the event when climbers receive shirts, lanyards, and badges.*

- Large Logo on Check-In Banner located at the entrance to Plaster Stadium
- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company

## **Lanyard Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) \$1,000**

*Each registered climber will get to carry an ID badge on a company sponsored lanyard of the fallen firefighters lost during 9/11.*

- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Company logo placed on lanyard worn by all climbers during the event.
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company

## **Pipes/Drums Sponsor or Honor Guard (100% Tax Deductible) \$750**

*The tradition of honor guard members and bagpipes played at fire department and police department funerals in the United States goes back over 150 years. The bagpipes have become a distinguishing feature of a fallen hero's funeral.*

- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Photo opportunity with the Pipes and Drum corp. or Honor Guards
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company

## **Badge Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) (2 Available) \$500**

*Each registered climber will get to carry an ID badge of one of the fallen firefighters lost during 9/11.*

- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Company logo stickers placed on the back of each ID. 343 total
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company



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## **Banner Sponsor (100% Tax Deductible) \$500**

*Your company banner (provided by the company) hung up on the event course for the duration of the event. Your donation also includes benefits the day of the event along with your company information and link on our website until next year's climb.*

- Company Banner (provided by the company) hung on the event course for duration of the event
- Display benefits at prominent location during event
- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company
- Facebook recognition on Springfield Area Memorial Stair Climb Facebook page

## **Website/Event Banner (100% Tax Deductible) \$250**

*Your company logo placed on our event banner; the event banner will be hung up on the course for the duration of the event. Your donation also includes your company information and link on our website until next year's climb.*

- Logo featured on event day Sponsor Banner
- Logo on Springfield Area Stair Climb website with a link to your company
- Facebook recognition on Springfield Area Memorial Stair Climb Facebook page

For more information please contact us at:  
**[www.springfieldmemorialstairclimb.org](http://www.springfieldmemorialstairclimb.org) or**  
**Julie Mercer - Sponsorship Coordinator**  
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**Sponsorship Payment Due by August 1st, 2018**



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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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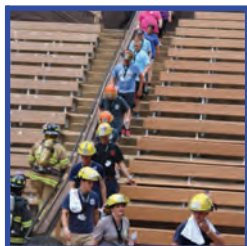
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**Remit Form and Payment by August 1, 2018 to:**

**National Fallen Firefighters Foundation  
C/O Nixa Fire Protection District  
301 S. Nicholas Road  
Nixa MO 65714**

**Memo: Springfield Area Memorial Stair Climb**



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