



KEEPING THE PROMISE





WE WILL.





OUR MISSION

Word of Honor Fund provides a continuum of support that facilitates milestone events for the surviving children of Navy SEALs and Special Operations personnel who die while assigned to select Naval Special Operations groups.

Our word is our bond and it is the purest form of trust. The most sacred of all is a father's promise to his children. Word of Honor Fund is committed to fulfilling the intentions of each of our fallen heroes by ensuring his children experience life as he had planned before his sacrifice. His untimely passing challenges his promise.





WHAT WE DO

Aspire to posthumously honor the promises made by fathers to their children in a manner that would have honored those whose lives were cut short in the line of duty.

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OUR PURPOSE

Many of those who pay the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, leave behind an unwritten, unfulfilled legacy in their children. This is where Word of Honor Fund begins.

In recent years, two major wars have taken significant tolls on our nation and our families. The overwhelming loss of so many heroes has created a void in the lives of their surviving children. It's impossible to gage the pain and confusion endured by the children who are left behind as they attempt to navigate life without their fathers. The brutal reality for these kids is that they will grow up without the guidance of a hero and mentor, a beloved dad and male father figure. The affect of such loss cannot be measured.

As the brethren of fallen heroes, it's imperative that we step in to help these kids during the intervening years that lead to adulthood. It's our goal, and our responsibility to identify the means to honor promises made to them by their fathers, and see those promises through fruition to the best of our abilities.

We will honor promises through the gracious support of our donors, the trust of the surviving families, and the mentorship provided by the members of our special operations community. Who will HONOR their WORD? We will!

out L. Shepard, Founder





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Together we fulfill the wishes and promises fathers made to their children.

Word of Honor Fund is focused on honoring the wishes and promises of a father to his children, as he would have if still alive.

"Word of Honor Fund is a blessing that is difficult to describe until you've come face to face with the reality that your husband and the father of your children is not coming home. Staying connected to the community and having men in my children's lives who were connected to their father is so important to us all."

- Surviving Mom





WHAT IT'S ABOUT

Honoring the promises or intentions of a father made to his children, spouse or other survivor prior to his death.

Addressing emotional and developmental needs of surviving children after immediate needs have been met and throughout the child's journey to adulthood.

Mentoring surviving children in a manner consistent with the father's known value system, character and spirit by fostering:

- positive reflection of the father through carefully planned events and activities.
- personal growth through long-term interaction within the NSO community.
- community engagement outside the NSO community.

Connecting the child/children with teammates or friends of their father while interacting in a personalized, shared experience and environment.

WHEN IT BEGINS

Upon the Passing of the Father, surviving children are eligible for support any time deemed appropriate by the surviving parent.

Support for the surviving child will be provided **upon registration** by the surviving parent, and will continue for the child through the age of 18, at which point that same child has the option of becoming a mentor.

Registration methods for families include:

- **Website:** www.wordofhonorfund.com
- Email: share@wordofhonorfund.com
- Via your Command: Contact your Family Support Coordinator
- By Mail: P.O. Box 2134 Virginia Beach, VA 23452

^{*}Word of Honor Fund respects the privacy and readiness of each family. It is our policy to provide information through outreach mechanisms that are congruent with NSO community norms and do not violate NSO community sensitivities.



WHERE IT HAPPENS

Support Events can take place at any location deemed appropriate by the surviving parent and in accordance with the Word of Honor Fund Support Continuum. An approved mentor will accompany the surviving child to events based on location parameters outlined below:

Location Parameters & Guidelines:

- Immediate Area Events for ages 1-6+
- Out of Immediate Area Events for ages 7-10+
- Domestic Out of State Events for ages11-15+
- Continental / Intercontinental Events for ages16-18+

*Location parameters are based on the proximity of a given event to the child/mother's home

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE GIVING

Checks are accepted through the mail, or with an online credit card donation to below addresses:

PLANNED GIVING

Create a gift in your estate plan. By leaving Word of Honor Fund in your will, you will continue to support children in our NSO community for years to come.

MATCHING CORPORATE GIVING

Increase your giving power by combining with your company match program, if offered by your employer.

TRIBUTE

Make a donation in honor or memory of someone in lieu of flowers or gifts.

IN-KIND GIFTS

We gladly accept gifts or services that can be used for our fundraising efforts.

For further information on ways to give please contact:

DONOR RELATIONS

P.O. Box 777
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