



Rebuilding futures. one child at a time.

About Twin Towers Orphan Fund

The Twin Towers Orphan Fund, founded on September 12, 2001, is a charitable trust fund designed to benefit those children who lost parents on September 11, 2001, in the explosions and collapses of the several buildings in the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and among the passengers and crews aboard the four hijacked airliners. TTOF is not a disaster relief fund, but instead is a long-term higher educational and health care support trust fund with a life span of more than 20 years.

The [mission of the Twin Towers Orphan Fund](#) is to help mitigate the damage caused by the terrorist acts by ensuring the children of the victims have as normal a life as possible. To do so, the TTOF provides long-term higher educational assistance and helps meet mental and physical health care needs for children who were orphaned (who lost one or both parents) in the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon, or onboard the four downed airliners.

During its first seven months, more than [\\$4 million dollars](#) was raised to support the children of 9/11. During this same seven months, all expenses were borne from the pockets of the [dedicated co-founders](#) and by monies donated specifically for expenses. Beginning the 2nd quarter of 2002, TTOF implemented a 90 percent model where 10 percent of donations are used for ongoing program expansion, administrative overhead and awareness efforts. During the following two years, an additional \$3 million was donated, bringing the total to [\\$7 million dollars](#).

During this same period of time, nearly 700 higher educational savings accounts had been established in the names of the children, an additional 51 children had received direct assistance for higher education expenses and 68 had received assistance for physical and mental healthcare expenses; this totaled nearly \$3.5 million.

[More than 1,000 children in 18 states and territories](#), including 30 babies born after 9/11/01, have registered with the TTOF. An average of 40 children - per year - will begin their college education over the next 18 years. If 2003 is an accurate indication of future TTOF registrations this number will increase each year by 15 percent.

Early on, the fund's goal was to raise \$50,000 per registered child. Currently, there is nearly \$7,000 available per child to cover both higher educational expenses and health care expenses. Over the next 20 years, an additional \$42 million is required if we are to ensure quality health care and higher education for the children of 9/11.