



**Texas Line of Duty
Death Task Force**

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Dear Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb,

On behalf of the Texas Line of Duty Death Task Force, I would like to thank you Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb for supporting our cause. Your organization and those that have chosen to raise donations on our behalf raised \$7121.00 in 2017.

Last year, because of the pledges raised by participants in 2017, the Task Force was able to host several meet-and-greet events for families of fallen firefighters. Those donations also helped us cover the cost of providing at need assistance (funeral planning, crisis management, and benefits assistance) to families of the fallen and for us to be able to continue our long-term care programs.

The pledges that were raised at last year's event will be used to develop a peer training program for families of the fallen to be able to reach out to new survivors that have experienced a loss. It will also help us with the development of our new program called the Phoenix Project which will provide services to first responders that have been catastrophically injured in the line of duty. These services will mimic our LODD programs and will include benefits filing, social services, resources, and peer support.

It is our hope that in 2019 that we will be able to offer several weekend retreats for children of fallen first responders, injured first responders and their families, and survivors of first responder suicide. It is our hope that funds raised through this year's climb will help us to reach that goal.

Again, your pledges have done extraordinary things in furthering the mission of the Texas LODD Task Force which is, remembering the survivors so that we never forget the fallen. As you work on raising pledge funds, please know that hundreds, if not thousands of lives have already been assisted because of people like yourself. So thank you for your dedication!

Sincerely,

Wendy C. Norris, Chairman/CEO
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