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TO OUR MEMBERS

Strategic Highlights

Thank you for your support of the JW Memorial Foundation (JWMF). Without you, we would not be in existence. We are working hard to build the Foundation while serving the needs of the families of fallen emergency responders in Idaho. Our work is continually guided by our mission, vision and core values.

Mission Statement

The mission of the JW Memorial Foundation is to provide immediate assistance and support to the families of fallen emergency responders in the state of Idaho.

Vision Statement

Our vision is that no emergency responder's family will be burdened by financial concerns and will be fully supported during one of the most difficult times of their lives.

Core Values

The JW Memorial Foundation will strive to provide assistance and support with compassion, honor, integrity and accountability.

Financial Highlights

Our income this year has increased; unfortunately, our benefit assistance expenses have not seen a dramatic decrease. We continued to keep our operating expenses as limited as possible, minimized fundraising expenses, and have focused on the provision of benefits to the families of fallen emergency responders.

Survivor Benefits Provided

During the past year, we have provided immediate financial assistance to three families this year:

- The family of a Post Falls police officer who passed away as the result of a massive heart attack while on duty in October 2023. At the request of his family, the JWMF provided benefits to support his children's education;
- The family of an Ada County Sheriff's Office deputy who was shot and killed in the line
 of duty while conducting a traffic stop in March 2024. The deputy's wife was pregnant
 with their first child at the time;
- The family of a wildland firefighter who sustained a traumatic brain injury when a tree fell on him while on the scene of a wildfire in central Idaho in August 2024. The firefighter was airlifted to Spokane, Washington, and recently moved to a hospital specializing in traumatic brain injuries in Denver. We are continuing to provide benefits to the family to allow them to be near him and support his recovery. We are striving to fill the gaps that exist in the provision of assistance to his family.

Since September 2023, the JW Memorial Foundation has provided over \$11,000 in survivor benefits. This week, we provided another \$7,000 in benefits, although it will not be reflected in the September 2023 - August 2024 financial summary listed later in this report. Although we are always saddened to learn of the need, we are committed to lessening the burden on families of emergency responders.

Looking Ahead

From the beginning of the JWMF, we have been working toward a goal of having a separate Survivor Immediate Needs Fund. Our concern is based on the possibility of having to provide numerous family benefits at the same time (i.e. several emergency responders are seriously injured or killed during one incident).

Estimates are that an average family of four has at least \$5000.00 in monthly living expenses. The JW Memorial Foundation would like to be prepared to provide living expenses for 6 families at a time or over the course of a year. Toward that goal, it would require \$90,000.00 to be fully funded. Benefit distributions would be taken out of the Survivor Immediate Needs Fund, rather than the JWMF operating budget, which would be used to reimburse the Fund as needed. In order to start the Survivor Immediate Needs Fund, we need to increase our income through fundraising, grants, sponsorship or donations. We will be working hard this next year to make this a reality. If you are aware of any opportunities that could help to make this a reality, please reach out and let us know. Thanks!

On behalf of the JW Memorial Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of you for your support. We look forward to continuing to meet our mission, and we need the help of our members and communities in order to do so.

Susan L. Welch President, Board of Directors JW Memorial Foundation

2024 JW Memorial Foundation Board of Directors

Ed Button, Justin Capaul, Melanie Goularte, Zach Johns, Les Lockwood, Jim Leonard, Gina Mather, Mike Mather, Ryan Rodell, Robert Tyler, Jesse Welch, and Sue Welch.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Coeur FOOLS Training

In November 2023, Coeur FOOLS invited the JWMF to set up a table at an Advanced Truck Tactics Training sponsored by 509 FOOLS and Coeur FOOLS at the Kootenai County Fire and Rescue Training Center in Post Falls. Board Member Jim Leonard represented the JW Memorial Foundation at the training, shared information about the JWMF and continues to spread the word about the availability of our benefits.



Findley Auto Charity of the Month

This year, one of our newest Board members, Zach Johns, recommended that the JWMF participate in the Post Falls Findlay Automotive Group Charity of the Month. Each month nominations are taken for a worthy charity of the month, followed by a public vote on their website. In December 2023, the JW Memorial Foundation was honored with a \$1000.00 donation. Thank you, Findlay Automotive, and thank you to all who voted for the JWMF!



Clearwater Fire Academy

In March 2024, Justin Capaul, one of the JW Memorial Foundation Board members, set up a table at the Clearwater Fire Academy and shared information with the attendees. The Clearwater Fire Academy is an annual event held in Orofino, and many fire fighters from North Central Idaho attend. It was a great opportunity to provide awareness of the JWMF.

JWMF 2024 Helping Those Who Help Us Fundraiser

On April 13, 2024, the JW Memorial Foundation held their annual fundraiser. This year's theme was Helping Those Who Help Us. The event was held at the Post Falls American Legion and was attended by a full house. Dinner was provided by Smokin Glory BBQ, and we were honored to have wonderful guest speakers, raffles, and auctions. Thanks to Chief Kenny Gabriel for joining us as our emcee! As our most successful fundraiser to date, it brought in over \$39,000.





Idaho Fire Chief's 2024 Conference

Two JWMF Board Members, Robert Tyler and Mike Mather, attended the Idaho Fire Chief's Association 2024 Conference in April 2024 in Coeur d'Alene. The Association allowed our Board Members to set up a table to provide awareness and information about the JW Memorial Foundation. This year the conference was held in Coeur d'Alene.

All Foundations Coordination Meeting

In May 2024, two of our Board Members attended a meeting of foundations and organizations which benefit the families of emergency responders in the Kootenai County area. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following organizations: Red and Blue Foundation, CDA Police Foundation, Post Falls FOP Foundation, CDAPD Association, KCSO Association, Spoken Outdoors, Protectors Peak, Tunnel to Towers, and the JW Memorial Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure a coordinated and collaborative response to help first responders and agencies in the most efficient way when needed.

911 Memorial Stair Climb

Once more, the JW Memorial Foundation was honored to participate in and be the recipient of funds raised at the Shoshone County Fire District 1 911 Memorial Stair Climb. The 911 Memorial Stair Climb was held on September 11th in Wallace, Idaho. We are so appreciative of the Shoshone County Firefighters and community who have been strong supporters of the JWMF since its inception.



2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY TO DATE

Income (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)

Memberships: \$1,554.50

• Donations: \$3,648.50

Promotional Item Sales: \$248.00

 Helping Those Who Help Us Fundraiser (includes memberships, donations & promotional item sales at event): \$39,439.56

Total Income: \$44,890.56

Expenses (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)

 Operating Expenses (Website, Bankcard, insurance, office supplies & PO Box rental): \$1,279.61

Promotional Item Expenses (Hats, T-shirts): \$477.00

• Fundraising Expenses: \$6,081.30

Survivor Benefits: \$11,261.84

Total Expenses: \$19,099.75

Current Bank Balance (as of 8/31/2024)

\$80,825.62

MEMBERS, EVENT SPONSORS & DONORS

JW Memorial Foundation 2023-2024 Members

Matt Legg	William Clifford	Tracy Phillips
Amanda Mangano	Jan Tymesen	Dan Phillips
Nicholas Bieker	Glen Shade	Brandon Walcker
Rick Clutter	Kevin Lawler	Jim & Michelle Walcker
Chad Mastin	Seth Hohenstreet	Dan Harmon
Kiefer Gibson	Judi & Tom Cronin	Sue Welch
Clint Reed	Ellen Dowling	Coleen Rice
Denis Fuller	Mike Heston	Zach Johns
Jane Dowling	Ed Button	Matthew Williams
Greg Rod	Les Lockwood	Kenneth Gabriel
Jake Phillips	Sadami Ogden	Linda Cowgill
Johnny Miller		

2023-2024 Corporate & Department/Organization Members

- Northern Lakes Professional Firefighters Local 2045
- Reignite Health NW

Event Sponsors

- Findlay Automotive Post Falls, Idaho
- JWMF 2024 Helping Those Who Help Us Fundraiser
 - Table Sponsors: CAL Cars, CDA Police Foundation, Ginno Construction, Kootenai County Fire & Rescue, Relgnite Health Northwest, Selkirk Fire Local 2319, Shoshone County Fire District 1, Welch Resources LLC
- Shoshone Fire Districts 1 & 2: 911 Memorial Stair Climb

Gold Level Donors

Jane Dowling
Robideaux Motors
Dan & Tracy Phillips
Kris Fitzpatrick
Brennan Stillinger