



40 YEARS
1980-2020

Report from the President

To all our supporters, thank you. It's only through your continued generous support that we're able to honor our promise to the families of our wounded and fallen Special Operations Warriors by providing for their children's education. We could not do this without the support of so many great people, committed to serving others.

Our relatively small force of about 70,000 SOF Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines continue to bear a huge burden in the war on terror. These "Quiet Professionals" are routinely deployed in over 70 countries, often engaging in sensitive and dangerous missions that largely go unnoticed by the American public.

In 2019, 40 SOF Warriors died in the line of duty, adding 80 children to our scholarship rolls, bringing the total to over 870 Gold Star kids in the SOWF family.

Our youngest student, Dustin Jr., was born in January 2020, five months after his father was killed in Afghanistan. Our commitment to Dustin is that we will be there to support his education from now until his college graduation in 2043. We will provide for Dustin's pre-school tuition, tutoring from pre-school through college graduation, college preparatory classes, ACT and SAT preparatory classes, college tuition, room board, and more. For those of you who have children or grandchildren, you understand the magnitude of this obligation to not only Dustin, but to more than 870 other children as well.

In addition to scholarships in 2019, the foundation also provided immediate financial assistance to 37 severely combat wounded and injured Special Operations Warriors and their families. This stipend goes toward defraying un-planned, and often significant costs of unexpected hospitalization and recovery periods.

We remain steadfastly committed to being good stewards of the resources we're provided. For the 14th year in a row, *Charity Navigator* has awarded SOWF its highest *Four-Star Rating*, placing us in the top 1% of all charities rated.

In 2020, we commemorate our 40th anniversary of our foundation. Our foundation was established by a battlefield promise made by the surviving members of Operation Eagle Claw to the 17 children of the eight Airmen and Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice at Desert One, while attempting to rescue 52 Americans held hostage at the US Embassy in Tehran, Iran. The men of Operation Eagle Claw, those who had "the guts to try," kept their battlefield promise to those children. SOWF's Enduring Promise for the next 40 years and beyond, is to continue to honor Fallen Special Operations Warriors' sacrifices by serving their families and providing for their children's education. SOWF is looking forward to a formal program to address the unique educational requirements of our special needs families. We will also significantly enhance our support by expanding our existing Gold Star educational programs and financial support for severely wounded Special Operators."

Sincerely,

Clay Hutmacher
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President/CEO

Thank you all for what
you've done for the foundation!



14th Consecutive Year

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