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5k TUNNEL TO TOWERS EVENT COMES TO: **PHILADELPHIA, PA!**
One of 50 new cities to join the foundation's efforts to remember 9/11 and honor first responders
and service members!

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Philadelphia, PA – June 28, 2017 - The **Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation**, established in memory of a fallen 9/11 firefighter, whose mission is to honor and support first responders and the military, today announced plans to hold its inaugural Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk in **Bala Cynwyd on Sunday, September 10, 2017.**

The event will honor and celebrate **Philadelphia Area** first responders—fire, police, EMT's, paramedics—as well as military service heroes who serve, sacrifice and protect us every day.

Registration for the 5K Run/Walk is now officially open and participants may register online at T2TRUN.ORG! This weekend marks our national event launch where 35 events will start accepting registrations

Registered walkers and runners will have the opportunity to create their own profile pages that will feature their personal photos and individual stories. **Additionally, participants can compete to raise the most funds and recruit the most friends to their team.** All fitness levels and age groups are encouraged to participate!

The Philadelphia Area 5K Run/Walk will start at **Barmouth Station near West Laurel Hill Cemetery** and will wind its way around the Cemetery and the Cynwyd Heritage Trail.

Tunnel to Towers is a tax-exempt non-profit organization dedicated to providing services for the nation's first responders and military. Through its *Building for America's Bravest* program, dozens of customized high-tech "smart homes" have been built throughout the country for catastrophically injured service members. These homes, created primarily for those who are now triple- and quadruple-amputees as a result of IED explosions, have specialized features run off of iPads to allow these heroes to lead as independent a life as possible.



About the Stephen Siller/the Tunnel to Towers Foundation:

Tunnel to Towers is dedicated to the memory of **FDNY hero, and father of five, Stephen Siller, who lost his life on 9/11.** **Stephen**, who was off-duty when the first plane hit, drove to his Brooklyn firehouse and retrieved over 60 pounds of his gear, then sought the quickest route to the World Trade Center. Finding the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel blocked, in a supreme act of heroism, **Stephen** ran about three miles with that gear, to the Twin Towers, where he perished.

Stephen's six much-older brothers and sisters, who had raised him after **Stephen** was orphaned at age 10, subsequently established the **Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers** in his honor. Its signature event is its annual **Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk** held in **New York City** the last September of the month. The event, which draws 25,000 participants from all over the world, follows in **Stephen's** heroic footsteps on 9/11.

For more information on **Philadelphia's 5K Run/Walk**, please visit <http://www.T2Trun.org>.

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