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Brave of Heart Fund Provides over \$31.5M in Relief to Families of Fallen Healthcare Workers Lost to COVID-19

*E4E Relief releases Impact Summary highlighting significance of historic relief effort;
Brave of Heart Fund receives Engage for Good's Gold Halo Award*

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CHARLOTTE, NC – [E4E Relief](#), the leading provider of employee relief and disaster fund grants to individuals, has released the [Brave of Heart Fund Impact Summary](#). This fund was established in early 2020 to provide charitable grants and emotional support services to families of frontline healthcare workers, volunteers, and support staff whose lives were lost in the fight against COVID-19.

In partnership with founding donors at the [New York Life](#) and [Cigna](#) foundations, E4E Relief stewarded the program and coordinated this relief grant process. "Our hearts break for these families," said Holly Welch Stubbing, President and CEO of E4E Relief. "We honor the heroic commitment their loved ones had to their careers and to saving the lives of others via the Brave of Heart Fund."

Key statistics highlighted in the Impact Summary include:

- \$31,517,967 in relief grants awarded to 909 individuals across 44 different states. These individuals are spouses, partners or dependents of fallen healthcare workers
- Average grant amount awarded was \$24,000
- 14 different professional job types were represented among the deceased
- The vast majority of grantees credit Brave of Heart funds with helping them to keep their utilities on, show up for work, feed their families, receive the support and medical care they needed, and avoid falling behind on bills

The work of the Brave of Heart Fund continues to support bereaved families of healthcare workers lost to COVID-19 through partnerships with nonprofit organizations aligned with the spirit and intent of the fund's core purposes:



- Provide scholarships to the families of frontline healthcare workers who lost their lives in the fight against COVID-19
- Support the emotional wellbeing of healthcare workers
- Build resiliency for families who lost a primary caregiver to COVID-19 through grief and bereavement support
- Build a diverse future healthcare workforce by supporting education and training

E4E Relief is also honored to be recognized alongside founding donors, New York Life and Cigna, as a recipient of Engage for Good's [2022 Gold Halo Award for Best Covid-19 Initiative](#). These awards are North America's highest honor for corporate social impact initiatives in which brand purpose and social impact intersect to help build a better world and bottom line.

For more detailed information, including a sampling of stories reflecting the lives of these fallen healthcare heroes, please review the [Brave of Heart Fund Impact Summary](#).

About E4E Relief

For 20 years, E4E Relief has been the leading provider of charitable employee relief programs, rapidly responding to employee disaster and hardships on behalf of corporations. As a third-party public charity, E4E Relief empowers global companies and employees to provide, and receive, meaningful financial relief when it's needed most. In the past 5 years, E4E Relief has received more than \$330 million in donations and awarded more than \$210 million in charitable grants, supporting relief efforts for over 5 million people worldwide.

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