



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF  
MASSACHUSETTS FALLEN HEROES

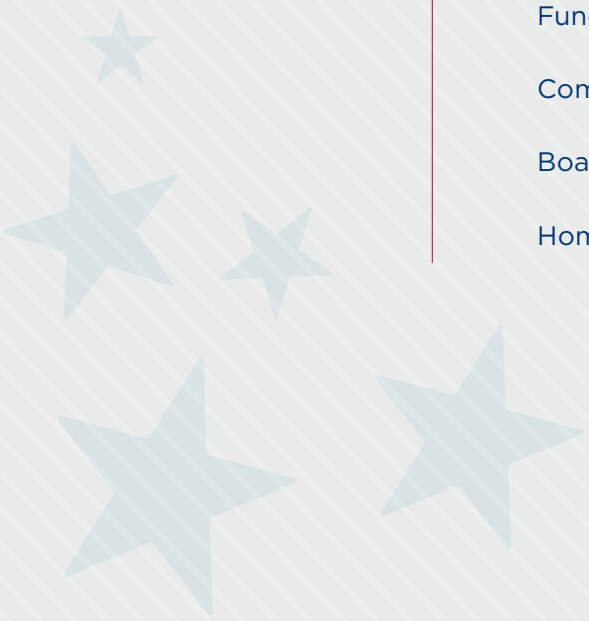
MASSACHUSETTS   
Soldiers Legacy Fund



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

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Dear MSLF Supporters:

This past November, the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund (MSLF) marked its 20th year of operation. For two decades, the MSLF has remained steadfast in its mission to honor the sacrifice of Massachusetts' fallen Servicemembers by supporting their families. In 2024 alone, the MSLF distributed over \$224,000 in education-focused grants to eligible beneficiaries, bringing our total assistance to nearly \$4 million since our founding.

With your support, the children of Massachusetts' fallen heroes continue to thrive and pursue their educational goals. As of the end of 2024, 83 children were eligible for MSLF grants. Of those, 17 young adults were enrolled in college and received grant assistance. In addition to supporting our students in higher education, the MSLF also provided education-focused support grants to 35 additional children throughout the year.

We are proud of the impact we've had in 2024 and remain committed to building on this momentum in the years ahead. As we enter 2025, nearly 90% of our eligible beneficiaries are under the age of 30, with 56% under the age of 24—and the youngest being just 5 years old. With your continued generosity, we will honor the sacrifice of our local fallen heroes by helping their children achieve their educational dreams.

Thank you for supporting the MSLF mission and ensuring that the legacy of Massachusetts' fallen heroes is never forgotten.

Best Regards,

A stylized, cursive signature of the name "Pete" in black ink.

Peter Trovato  
MSLF Founder and Trustee





AVERY + COLIN VAN DE GEISEN



MACKENZIE DUFFY



IAN MICHAUD



NAZERAH MONTROND



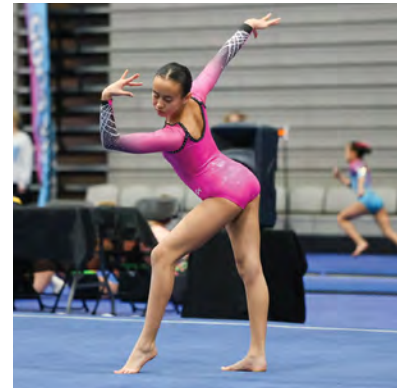
SKYLAH SHERMAN



LIBBY STEELE



DAVID BRODEUR JR.



ANGIE DELEON

## Grassroots Fundraising + Community Events

Our supporters and donors are the foundation in which we can provide these grants. We are appreciative to all who have helped the children of the families of the fallen.

### THE LOEBER FAMILY FOUNDATION

The MSLF is extremely grateful to the Loeber Family Foundation for a donation of \$15,000. Since 2020, the foundation has donated \$80,000 to local families of the fallen in support of their education goals.

### CENTINEL FINANCIAL

Centinel Financial raised \$5,000 in their annual golf day for the fund. Since 2016, they have raised over \$25,000.

## Family Update: 20 Years

### CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY

For the past two decades, the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund (MSLF) has been more than just a grant-distributing organization—it has provided a holistic approach to education and support for military families. Beyond financial assistance, MSLF offers information, referrals, counseling, and ongoing guidance, ensuring families receive comprehensive support throughout each stage of education and life.

One shining example of MSLF's impact is Christopher Kennedy, a 2015 graduate of Norwich Academy. After serving almost ten years as a Combat Medic in the U.S. Army, Chris continues his service with the Maine National Guard. He currently works as a paramedic for Maine Health while pursuing flight lessons to further his career in emergency medical services.

Chris's dedication extends beyond his professional life. He is a devoted husband to Heidi and a proud father to their 18-month-old son, Declan. His journey exemplifies the resilience, commitment, and ambition that MSLF aims to support in the families it serves.

As MSLF marks its 20th anniversary, it remains steadfast in its mission to uplift and guide the families of fallen Massachusetts service members, ensuring they have the resources and support they need to succeed.

# Financial Information

## 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year End Assets Value	\$ 3,270,529
Year End Donation Income	\$ 30,195
Donations + Investment Income	\$ 156,095

## 2024 SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

MSLF Trust Account Balances	\$ 3,198,491
Operating Account	\$ 70,731
Prepays	\$ 1,306
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,270,529</b>

### LIABILITIES

Grant Commitments	\$ 367,736
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 388,667</b>

### TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets/ Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,270,529</b>
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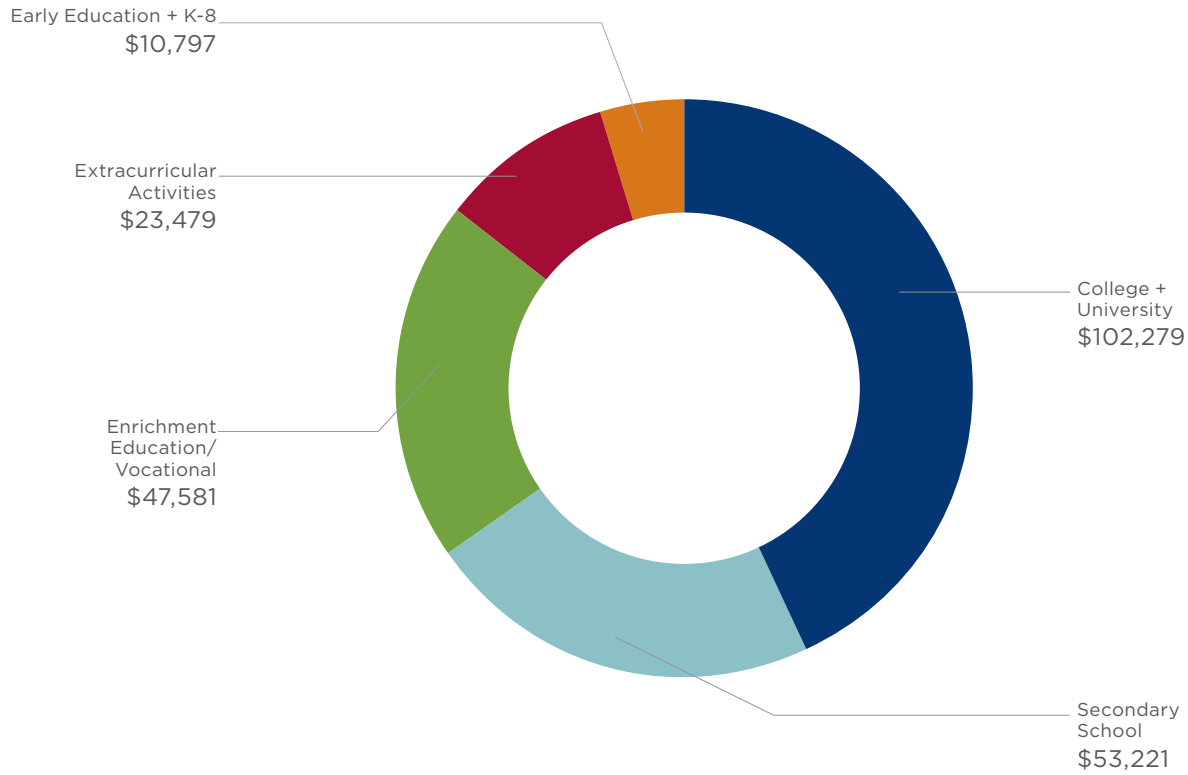
## 2024 Fund Facts + Year Summary

### FAMILY UPDATE

SERVICEMEMBERS	54
CHILDREN ELIGIBLE	89
CHILDREN AWARDED GRANTS	41
2024 GRANTS DISTRIBUTED	\$237,357



# 2024 Fund Distribution Summary



## STATISTICS BY SERVICE BRANCH



ARMY  
38



AIR FORCE  
1



MARINES  
11



NAVY  
3



CIA  
1

# Community Support

## SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

The MSLF is honored to be a part of a group of supportive organizations that support Gold Star/Surviving Families. We thank you for your support!

American Gold Star Mothers Inc.  
[www.goldstarmoms.com](http://www.goldstarmoms.com)

American Gold Star Wives  
[www.goldstarwives.org](http://www.goldstarwives.org)

Army Survivor Outreach Services  
[www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com)

The Jeffrey Coombs Memorial Foundation  
[www.jeffcoombsfund.org](http://www.jeffcoombsfund.org)

Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services  
[www.mass.gov/veterans](http://www.mass.gov/veterans)

Massachusetts Fallen Heroes  
[www.massfallenheroes.org](http://www.massfallenheroes.org)

Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund  
[www.massmilitaryheroes.org](http://www.massmilitaryheroes.org)

Military Friends  
[www.militaryfriends.org](http://www.militaryfriends.org)

Project New Hope  
[www.projectnewhopema.org](http://www.projectnewhopema.org)

Home Base Veteran and Family Care  
[www.homebase.org](http://www.homebase.org)

Thanks to Yanks  
[www.thankstoyanks.org](http://www.thankstoyanks.org)

Veteran Centers  
[www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov)

Wreaths Across America  
[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

**AVERY + COLIN VAN DE GIESEN**  
**Father: Captain Kyle Van De Giesen**  
**Avery is a High School Junior and**  
**Colin is a High School Freshman**

"Avery and Colin are so grateful for MSLF. Because of this organization, they're able to attend a private school! They are excelling in academics and sports in a catholic community that they love so much. Your generosity has also made it possible for them to play in club sports. Thank you for all your kindness and support!"

**MACKENZIE DUFFY**  
**Father: SSG Shane Duffy**  
**Junior in High School**

"Mackenzie is doing great! She is a Junior at Tri County RVTHS now, and as of right now potentially going to go to UMaine Farmington and play softball as well following graduation next year. She is in the Legal & Protective Services shop at school and excels at the law side of things. I included a photo of her in their recent mock trial. She was an attorney, and they went to Milford District Court and presented them in front of an actual judge and a jury of a history class from school. The judge and teacher both complimented her confidence and demeanor. MSLF has really helped enrich her life over the years with all of the various things she has been able to participate in with their help from camps to softball and everything in between. All of these experiences have contributed to helping build that confidence."



# Board of Trustees



**Peter Trovato**  
MSLF Founder & Managing Director, Copley Equity, Boston, MA

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CEO, Frontier Works, Hingham, MA

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**Eric Kapitulik**  
CEO, The Program Leadership, North Grosvenordale, CT

**Tom Jennings**  
Managing Director, Summit Partners, Boston, MA

**Ryan Durkin**  
VP Growth, WHOOP, Boston, MA

**Erica Zeiger**  
Director, MSLF, Northborough, MA

**ANGIE DELEON**  
**Father: Master Sergeant Luis DeLeon**  
**8th Grade**

“Angie is in the 8th grade and maintains a spot on the high honor roll. She competes at the California state gymnastics championships as a level 7 gymnast. Last year, she became the vault state champion and the all-around champion at her regional competition. With the foundation’s support, Angie is training with incredible USA 2012 and coaches from the 2016 Olympics, and her aspiration is to one day compete in college gymnastics. Once again, we are deeply thankful and appreciative for all that the foundation has done to assist my daughter in achieving her gymnastics goals.”

**IAN MICHAUD**  
**Father: Captain Seth Michaud**  
**First Year Law Student**

“Ian Michaud is 23 and graduated from Capital University with all Academic Honors. He is currently a first-year law student at Stetson Law School in Gulfport, Florida.”

**NAZERAEH MONTROND**  
**Father: SGT Alberto Montrond**  
**PhD Student**

“Nazeraeh Montrond is a PhD student at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. She previously graduated from the University of Southern Florida, Tampa.”

# Hometown Heroes



Sergeant  
Glenn Allison



Specialist  
David Babineau



Sergeant  
Robert Barrett



Staff Sergeant  
Alicia Birchett



First Lieutenant  
Joshua Booth



Corporal  
Jeremy Bouffard



Major  
David Brodeur



Harold Brown  
CIA



Captain  
Joel Cahill



Sergeant  
William Callahan



Staff Sergeant  
Joseph Camara



Staff Sergeant  
Paul Cunningham



Specialist  
Jonathan Curtis



Private First Class  
Norman Darling



Master Sergeant  
Luis DeLeon



Sergeant  
Shane Duffy



Sergeant First Class  
Eric Emond



Sergeant  
Peter Enos



Navy SEAL  
Michael Ernst



Corporal  
Peter Fagundes



Sergeant  
Andrew Farrar



Gunnery Sergeant  
Elia Fontecchio



Sergeant  
Alexander Fuller



Sergeant  
Kyle Harrington



Navy SEAL  
Kevin Houston



Specialist Theodore  
"TJ" Ingemanson



Chief Warrant Officer 3  
Kyran Kennedy



Petty First Class  
Jason Lewis



Sergeant  
Kyle Little



Captain  
John Maloney



Staff Sergeant  
Michael Mantenuto



Major  
Brian Mescall



Sergeant  
Scott Metcalf



Captain  
Seth Michaud



Sergeant  
Alberto Montrond



Staff Sergeant  
Daniel Newsome



Corporal  
Brian Oliveira



Sergeant  
Ryan O'Malley



Captain  
Anthony Palermo



Sergeant  
Theodore Perreault



Staff Sergeant  
Christopher Piper



Sergeant  
Nelson Rodriguez Ramirez



Major  
John Ruocco



Lance Corporal  
Nicholas Schiavoni



Sergeant  
Benjamin Sherman



Master Sergeant  
Shawn Simmons



First Lieutenant  
Timothy Steele



Captain  
Christopher Sullivan



Master Sergeant  
Gregory Trent



Captain  
Kyle Van De Giesen



Lance Corporal  
John VanGyzen



Chief Warrant Officer 2  
Stephan Wells



Sergeant  
Gregory Wright



Specialist  
Edgardo Zayas

## MSLF Mission

The Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund (MSLF) is a charitable trust dedicated to honoring the sacrifice of Massachusetts servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives while supporting military operations post-9/11. The Fund provides educational assistance grants to the children of these fallen heroes, ensuring their access to higher education and academic opportunities.

Eligibility for the MSLF program is determined by the service and sacrifice of the parent. Children qualify if their parent served in the military, died in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism, and had their service credited to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The program operates without a selection process—any child meeting these criteria is automatically eligible for financial assistance.

Since its inception, MSLF has identified over 200 fallen servicemembers from Massachusetts. Among them, 54 were parents who left behind a total of 89 children. All eligible children under the age of 33 are entitled to receive funding through MSLF, which helps cover educational expenses as they pursue their academic goals.

MSLF's funding is sustained entirely through charitable contributions, which are collected and pooled into an investment account managed on a pro bono basis by Focus Partners Wealth in Wellesley, MA. To preserve donor contributions and ensure the long-term viability of the program, the MSLF Board of Trustees has adopted a prudent investment strategy designed to minimize market risk.

Through its mission, the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund remains committed to supporting the families of fallen Massachusetts servicemembers, honoring their legacy by investing in the future of their children.



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**(508) 630-2382** to learn more about the MSLF.

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