

AFE Relief Fund

Will Help Families of September 11 Victims

Please send your donation now!

Since the stunning tragedy of September 11, Americans from coast to coast have sought ways to assist in not only our national defense, but also our recovery.

Immediately, some people donated equipment and elbow grease at "Ground Zero". Some worked quietly and intently behind the scenes at the Pentagon to keep federal activities operating.

For many of us — particularly outside the New York and Washington areas — that kind of hands-on labor just wasn't feasible. Our participation in the recovery effort has consisted mostly of patriotic moral support. We resumed our day-to-day activities. We armed ourselves with a faith that can't be penetrated by man-made weapons, and we keep moving ahead.

That's what AFE is doing. We're looking to the future.

We're looking to the day when the families of the facilities personnel of the World Trade Center and sections of the Pentagon send children off to college, need a new furnace or roof for their home, or have unexpected medical bills. We're thinking about what it would be like if one of us had perished at our job and left behind loved ones. Spouses. Sons. Daughters. Dependents.

That's why we established the AFE Family Relief Fund. We're collecting money that will be channeled directly to the survivors of our colleagues.

R. Scot Foss, a longtime AFE supporter who's president of Plant Air Technology in Charlotte,

North Carolina, kicked off the fund drive at Facilities America 2001 in Las Vegas with a donation of \$1,000.

Members of AFE's student chapter at California Maritime Academy donated proceeds of a t-shirt sale they conducted. Numerous individual attendees gave cash and checks for the fund before leaving Las Vegas, too.

For all those donations, the association is deeply grateful.

If you'd like to contribute, make checks payable to the AFE Family Relief Fund (account #821721453). Send them either to AFE headquarters at 8180 Corporate Park Dr. Suite 305, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 or to AFE Family Relief Fund c/o Firstar CNBR 0028, 10851 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Electronic deposits or wire transfers can be made, also. The routing number for the account is 42000013 and the account number is listed above. Credit card donations can be made by calling AFE at (513) 489-2473. Donations are tax deductible.

As Immediate Past President Jim Danner, PE/CPE said during the kickoff, we know many emergency officials rushed to the scenes of the disasters. And we know many building occupants tried to rush away. But it's quite certain that the facility personnel in charge of those doomed buildings remained there and desperately tried to use all their knowledge, skills and equipment to save as much as they could as long as they could. In recognition of that dedication, please make a donation to the AFE Family Relief Fund.

