



# Legacy of Honor



# NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter 2024

***Mission Statement – We exist to serve those who serve us by coming alongside them in the everyday. First responders, military, and veterans always have our six, it's our turn to have theirs.***

**Daniel Riggs**



**Founder**

## A word from the Founder

“Greetings All! It has been quite the ride so far in 2024. We have been getting new clients weekly with our Bootstrap Program. We are also ever growing with new ventures and partnerships. I cannot express how blessed and excited I am for what this year has to offer. We continue to work diligently in the community and I am genuinely shocked by the community backing our mission. I stand behind Legacy and together I think we can work towards a better tomorrow. Thank you all for the continued support. God Bless.”

# BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

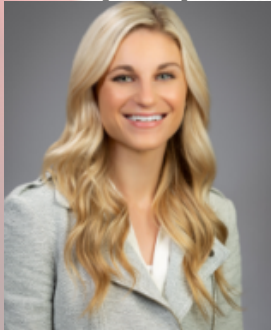
**Brandon Allensworth**



**Board Chair**

*“As a police officer and Board Chair, I chose to get involved with the Legacy of Honor because I understand the challenges and sacrifices firsthand. Serving alongside fellow first responders and veterans, I’ve witnessed their unwavering commitment to duty and the toll it can take. Joining this non-profit allows me to stand in solidarity with my comrades, offering support and resources to those who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Together, we can ensure their sacrifices are recognized and their needs are met with the honor and respect they deserve.”*

**Kelsey Sirpilla**



**Vice Board Chair**

*“As Vice Chair at Legacy of Honor, I am extraordinarily passionate about supporting those who serve us in our community every day. What brought me to Legacy of Honor is the unique support of not only those who serve our communities, but also their families. I have military in my family and watching my Uncle go overseas, and my Aunt taking care of their children was very eye opening of how everyone in the family sacrifices together. As a mom of two little ones, I cannot imagine going through the sacrifices these families go through every day to keep our communities safe. I have the utmost respect for our first responder and military families, and am honored to have the opportunity at Legacy to help support them.”*

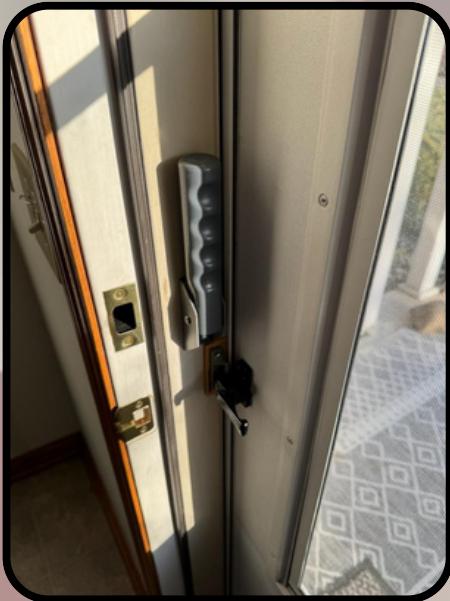
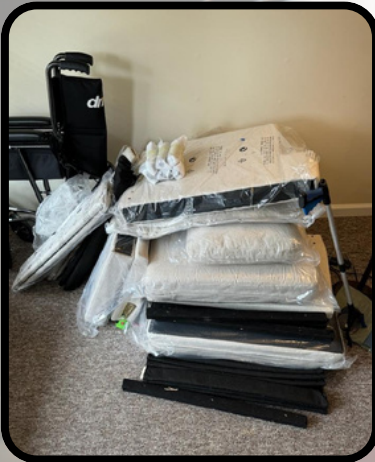
# Operation Bootstrap

***At LOH we respect privacy and do not mention names or stories unless permission is given. Here are some of the projects completed and words shared with us with the permission of those individuals:***

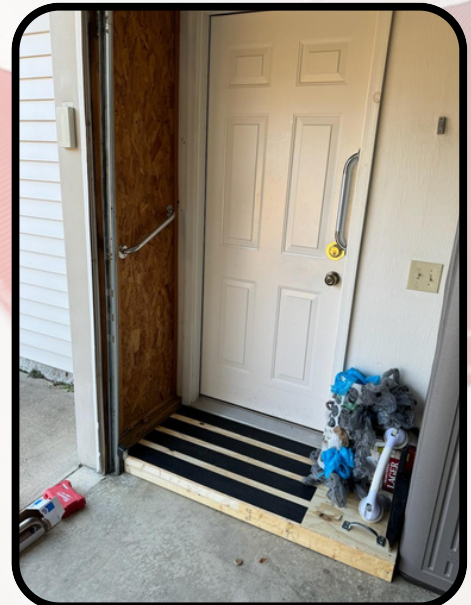
Pete:

*"You are truly amazing in your Mission. Words can't describe...I'm at a loss in a good way. I'm Shocked."*

*"You definitely have brightened things for both myself and my family and we are very grateful."*



Grab bars at entries and bathroom



Door Handles installed

## CURRENT PROGRAMMING

**Operation Bootstrap** – The purpose of this program is the original concept on which we were formed. In this program, we assist veterans, first responders, active military, AND their families through filling everyday needs. From a cup of coffee, tank of gas, cleaning up leaves to adding a deck we connect about the need and figure out the best way to fill that need. We work with other partners and community agencies to fill the needs that come our way. In this program, it's like a first responder, we don't know what the need is until it comes in, but we will do our best to find a solution to fill the need.

**Operation RAK (Random Acts of Kindness)** – The purpose is just as it says, the goal is to let the men, women, and families we serve know that they are appreciated and supported. We have appreciation days, surprise visits, and our biggest program Operation Christmas Blessings. Through the Blessings program we spread the joy of giving, love, and cheer for the holidays to our first responders and families.

**Operation Access** – This program is our newest program and the focus is mental health and wellness for first responders. This is working alongside them to address the concerns that they face. Our focus is to come from a peer standpoint.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### 2023 Year End Stats

#### **Operation Bootstrap**

-55 families served

-YTD 2024 26 families

#### **Christmas Blessing Program**

-16 families blessed

#### **Operation Access**

1 grant in process through December 2024. March 2024 will start the podcast and Monthly wellness activities for first responders countywide.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 30th**

Car Show hosted by Allison Dudley  
Stark County Pony Invasion  
(Details to follow)

**August 17th**

Legacy Gala  
Tickets on Sale this spring

**Follow us on Facebook for event updates!**



*\*\*If you have events that you would like Legacy of Honor to be a part of, please reach out to Suzanne at 330-871-4692 or [ssnyder@honorthelegacy.org](mailto:ssnyder@honorthelegacy.org).\*\**



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**Currently we have several volunteer needs for our agency. If you are able and willing to volunteer, please reach out to Suzanne Snyder at 330-871-4692 or [ssnyder@honorthelegacy.org](mailto:ssnyder@honorthelegacy.org). Any and every volunteer is so important to being able to make a difference.**

## **Office:**

**Grant Writing and Fundraising Support** – We are in need of someone willing to assist with finding and writing grants to expand the capacity and growth of Legacy of Honor. Also, increasing support for fundraising opportunities.

## **Projects:**

**Project Coordinator** – Someone to assist our founder in answering calls for Operation Bootstrap and coordinating project efforts.

**Project Volunteers** – We need some volunteers to do physical labor for house repair projects.

We are looking for volunteers with special talents or interests to join our trainings list for 2024.

## **Respite Apartment:**

We need volunteers who are willing to help with cleaning and preparing the apartment at our office when there is a change of people that utilize it.

# Call to Action

**This is the hardest part of the job. There are many worth non-profits out there and each has needs. Legacy of Honor is no different. As a non-profit we rely on the community for support and finding partners that believe in moving the mission forward.**

Legacy of Honor Endowment Fund at the Stark Community Foundation. The purpose of this fund is to continue operations at LOH and also provide scholarships to children of our veterans and first responders. Donations can be made directly through the Stark Community Foundation at [www.starkcf.org/give-legacy](http://www.starkcf.org/give-legacy)

Legacy Gala Sponsorships - This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are looking for businesses to sponsor the event for 2024! If you or a business you know is interested, contact Suzanne at [ssnyder@honorthelibrary.org](mailto:ssnyder@honorthelibrary.org)

Respite Apartment Funds - The cost is approximately \$300 per month plus there are needs for regular household items to keep it stocked (toilet paper, paper towels, bathing towels, cleaning supplies, etc.). This apartment has been consistently in use since July of 2023 and truly has been a place of respite and hope.

Program Funds - Our needs are ongoing for support through Operation Bootstrap and the needs for the mental heal and wellness program Operation Access are ever growing. Any support specific to those two programs will be a blessing.



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