

## **2020 Annual Report**

*Mission Statement: We, the Washington State Department of Transportation Memorial Foundation, are entrusted to preserve the memory of Washington State Department of Transportation fallen workers and to provide assistance to active and retired Washington State Department of Transportation employees and their families in times of need.*

Since 2010, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Memorial Foundation has provided nearly \$350,000.00 in financial assistance to WSDOT employees and their families. While much of the assistance provided by the Foundation is confidential in nature, the Foundation can disclose its involvement in the following activities:

Provided financial aid to 201 individuals and families, including the families of fallen workers, employees struck by vehicles, employees with medical-related issues, families in crisis, employees with house fires, and those with end-of- life matters.

Additionally, the Foundation awarded educational grants for college and trade school to children of fallen WSDOT workers.

Like many organizations, the pandemic has had a severe impact on the Foundation activities such as fund-raising, membership and merchandise sales. In April, the Foundation was slated to co-hosted the 2020 WSDOT Worker Memorial in Olympia. Unfortunately, the event had to be canceled. In addition, the Foundation Tenth Anniversary celebrations had to be canceled.

The Board of Directors began planning in 2020 for potential online activities in 2021 to replace in-person events. Logo wear and other merchandise sales were a Foundation focus in 2020. Also, current Foundation members are encouraged to recruit new members among their coworkers.

The Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization 501 (c) (3) supported entirely by voluntary donations – no state or federal funds are used.

The Foundation is registered with the Internal Revenue Service, Secretary of State and Combined Fund Drive (#1480378).

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