



ANSWER THE CALL

— N.Y. POLICE AND FIRE —
WIDOWS' & CHILDREN'S BENEFIT FUND

40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA RECAP



On Thursday, October 23rd, we celebrated our **40th Anniversary Gala** at Cipriani Wall Street, where more than 1,200 guests joined us in support of the families we serve. Among those in attendance were Department leadership, devoted supporters, and families of our fallen heroes. The evening opened with a performance from the FDNY, NYPD, and PAPD Pipes and Drums and Color Guard, followed by welcoming remarks from Answer the Call Chairman Stephen Dannhauser and a moving National Anthem performed by Matthew Ferrugia (Son of FDNY Firefighter Joseph Ferrugia - Ultimate Sacrifice 1/31/2021).

Our beneficiary speaker, Stephanie Diller (Widow of NYPD Detective Jonathan Diller - Ultimate Sacrifice 3/25/2024), honored her husband's memory and courageously shared her family's story. Later in the evening, Keith Walsh presented fellow **Board Member and 2025 Gala Honoree John Doyle, President and Chief Executive Officer of Marsh McLennan**, with the Daniel J. "Rusty" Staub Award.

The Gala raised a record-breaking **\$5.6 million** to support the families of our fallen first responders, an inspiring milestone as we commemorate 40 years of answering the call.

A special thank you to the following individuals who served as Gala Chairs:

Bill Ackman & Neri Oxman

*Roger G. Arrieux Jr., Deloitte
Beth & Steve Dannhauser
Wesley Dupont, Allied World Assurance Company
John W. Keogh, Chubb Group
John Lavelle, Lavelle 4 Foundation
Sandra & Michael McCabe
Philip V. Moyles, Jr., EPIC Brokers & Consultants and Vanbridge
Edward Skyler, Citi
Steven Stuart
Keith Walsh, AIG
Doug M. Worman, CNA*

Since the Gala, we have tragically lost two first responders in the line of duty: **FDNY Paramedic Salih A. Abdur Rahman** and **FDNY Firefighter Patrick D. Brady**.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we are able to provide their widows with \$65,000 in immediate support and pledge to be there for them for the rest of their lives.

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40th Anniversary Gala Recap Video**



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