

**Silver Shield Foundation
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Dear Silver Shield Board of Trustees,

I am Rachel Wylie, daughter of FireFighter Thomas A. Wylie, who made the ultimate sacrifice just months into his career in 1995. I would like to extend my deepest thank you to the Silver Shield Foundation for your unwavering support. Due to the generosity of the Silver Shield Foundation, I could afford to fulfill my dream of becoming a high school social studies teacher and earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Adolescent Education in Social Studies from the State University of New York at Cortland in 2015. I am currently in my second year of teaching in the New York City Department of Education. As an educator, it is my obligation to continue to be a life-long learner; The Silver Shield Foundation has made it possible for me to continue in my pursuit of higher education as I am now earning a Master of Science degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Touro's Graduate School of Education. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to make my father and family proud through these academic endeavors.

With Sincere Gratitude,

**Rachel Wylie
Daughter of FF Thomas A. Wylie**

