



PREMIER IN THE COMMUNITY

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TUNNEL TO TOWERS 5K

Once again, Premier will be running the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K to honor the lives of fallen first responders both on 9/11 and now. Tunnel to Towers 5Ks take place all over the US and we will be running for the second year Saturday September 15th at 7:30am in Fort Lauderdale. Visit tunnel2towers.org to see what this foundation does and read more.

93% of funds collected go directly to the Programs being supported. The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation builds mortgage-free smart homes for our most catastrophically injured service members. Each home is custom designed to address the unique needs of each individual. These homes enable our most severely injured heroes' to live better, more independent lives.

Stephen Siller was a father of 5 who lost his life on 9/11. He grew up under the guiding philosophy of St. Francis of Assisi, whose encouraging and inspirational phrase "while we have time, let us do good" were words that Stephen lived by. Stephen's life and heroic death serve as a reminder to us all to live life to the fullest and to spend our time here on earth doing good.

This is a Premier-sponsored event, which means that you register and pay for the event. After you run the event, submit your race bib along with proof-of-purchase and you will be reimbursed in the following payroll over and above the monthly health benefit. If interested in being part of the Premier team, please email the Community Service Committee.

DOGS (AND CAT) DAYS OF SUMMER – ABANDONED PET RESCUE

During the month of August, the Community Service Committee will be collecting "Wish List" items on behalf of our furry friends at ABANDONED PET RESCUE (<https://www.abandonedpetrescue.org/>) a local No-Kill Animal Shelter. Collection receptacles are set up in the lobby area for your convenience.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS

The Backpack Index, an annual survey of the cost of school supplies and other expenses, was just shy of \$1,500 for high schoolers last year. It was \$1,001 for middle schoolers and \$662 for elementary schoolers. The cost of raising a child has decreased slightly, but it's a different story for their school supplies. They have gotten steadily more expensive since 2007. In the last decade, the price of supplies and extracurricular activities increased by 88 percent for elementary school students, 81 percent for middle school students and 68 percent for high school students, according to the latest Huntington Backpack Index, an annual survey of the cost of school supplies and other expenses compiled by The Huntington National Bank and school support nonprofit Communities in Schools. Every school year, teachers send out a list of school supplies and fees that will cover the student for the year. Between 2007 and 2017, prices for school supplies rose by an estimated \$10, according to the index. If a high school student plays more than one sport, that will incur up to \$375 in fees, an 87.5 percent leap from 2015.

Premier is looking for five volunteers to help fill back backs with school supplies on Thursday August 9th between 3 and 4pm. If you are interested, please get permission from your supervisor and email the Community Service Committee. We provide everything, you just show up.



ABOUT PREMIER EYE CARE

Premier's People, Planet, Profit triple bottom line means we are dedicated to helping the community. Contributions to 501(3)(c) charities since 2012 have topped \$600,000 and include diverse groups like the American Heart Assoc., the Drug Abuse Treatment Assoc., the Girl Scouts, Kenya Rescue, Tampa Crisis Center, Preserve Vision Florida, and more. Stay tuned for company-wide opportunities.

