



### **Atlanta Chapter of IFMA Donates to the IFMA Foundation in Memory of a Fallen Soldier**



In memory of Steve Osborne, the Atlanta Chapter of IFMA has donated to the IFMA Foundation in his name.

He was the son of Martha Osborne, CFM, a loyal IFMA member since 1985.

Steve was a police officer and a veteran of the war in Afghanistan who was killed this past October by a suicide bombing attack within the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq. A sergeant in the Army National Guard Reserves Special Forces Unit, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal for his service in Afghanistan. During his reserve duty time, Steve was one of the longest serving jumpmasters in the United States and helped train other soldiers.

At the time of Steve's death, he was working with DynCorp as a private Security Officer in Baghdad, where he was assigned to protect diplomats at the U.S. Embassy.

For more information on honorary contributions, visit [www.ifmafoundation.org](http://www.ifmafoundation.org) or contact the IFMA Foundation manager at 713-623-4362.

### *About Us...*

Established in 1990 as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, the IFMA Foundation is the only institution specifically designed to identify, fund and promote education and research for the advancement of facility management. Funded through the generosity of individual members, chapters, councils and corporate sponsors, the Foundation's ongoing commitment to providing a host of research reports, educational tools and student scholarships ensures a quality built environment.

## **Current IFMA Foundation Programs**

### **Research**

In order to keep the facility management profession informed of new developments in the industry, ongoing research is essential. The IFMA Foundation funds worthwhile research projects that strengthen the multifaceted knowledge and skills of FM professionals. The latest IFMA Foundation research project will identify how wireless technologies affect the way facility managers operate now and in the future. The results of the study will be released in conjunction with IFMA's World Workplace Conference and Expo in Philadelphia this October.

Additional reports on the various research projects that the IFMA Foundation supports are available to IFMA members and nonmembers through the IFMA bookstore. Visit [www.ifma.org/bookstore](http://www.ifma.org/bookstore) for more information.

### **Education**

To continue its support of the professional development of facility managers, the IFMA Foundation will expand program offerings in 2005 to reach out to those in certificate programs and groups without the financial resources to make FM education programs available locally. These programs include but are not limited to:

#### **Local Seminar Grant Program**

This grant was established to assist organizations whose primary emphasis is the built environment apply for funding to offset the cost of hosting a local facility-management seminar presentation to 20 or more facility professionals.

Grants are not limited to IFMA chapters and councils, and are available on a needs assessment basis, limited to organizations willing to disclose their financial records demonstrating financial hardship and inability to fund such a seminar through other means. Funding for this program is divided equally between the IFMA Foundation and the applicant, with an IFMA Foundation contribution ceiling of \$500 (U.S.).

#### **FM Educator Subsidy Program**

Established in 1999, this program allows educators at IFMA Recognized Programs to remain current on developments in the field of facility management. The program reimburses educators who have attended an educational conference, seminar session or class. The maximum grant award is \$500 (U.S.) a year per person per university or college. This program requires participating in an application process, and funds are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis pending approval.

For more information on these and other programs supported by the IFMA Foundation, please visit [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org).