An annual event celebrating moral courage in memory of James Wright Foley

FREEDOM, TRUTH, AND COURAGE: JIM'S LEGACY

In 2014, ISIS brutally murdered American journalist James Wright Foley after two years of captivity. Jim's courage and sacrifice ignited a movement that continues today.

Born in Illinois and raised in New Hampshire, Jim lived a life of service—teaching in underserved schools, mentoring at-risk youth, and reporting from war zones to give voice to ordinary people caught in conflict. His moral courage reminds us that journalism is not just about telling stories—it's about challenging authority and defending truth.

Eleven years later, Jim's legacy continues to drive the Foley Foundation. Our advocacy has helped reshape U.S. hostage policy, creating a government enterprise that has freed 182 Americans from captivity. We stand with families of the detained, advance journalist safety through curricula used at 20+ universities, and lead research and public advocacy to end the scourge of wrongful detention worldwide.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE ARE ABLE TO:

- **Family Support:** Assist families enduring the trauma of hostage-taking by coordinating their engagement with the administration and Congress to directly advocate for their loved one's freedom.
- **Research:** Conduct statistical analyses on international hostage-taking and confidential interviews with families, government officials, and third-party experts to identify victims' needs, inform government reforms, and advance prevention strategies.
- **Public Advocacy:** Provide a platform for hostage families through the media and public forums to reach decision-makers, build public support, and ensure their loved ones are not forgotten.
- **Safety Education:** Equip aspiring journalists and freelancers with the knowledge, tools, and practices needed to stay safe while reporting in high-risk environments.

Jim once said: "Physical courage is nothing compared to moral courage." His example challenges us all to act with courage—and **your contributions help us build a safer, freer world.**

HISTORY

The Foley Freedom Awards, established in 2016, honor individuals, like Jim, who exemplify moral courage and show compassion for and commitment to securing the freedom of Americans unjustly held captive abroad and journalist safety.

The Freedom Awards have recognized nearly 50 awardees for their commendable work including David Bradley, Ali Soufan, Jason Rezaian, Malala Yousafzai, Roger Carstens, Christiane Amanpour and many more.

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James W. Foley American Hostage Freedom Award

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Co-Awardee

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World Press Freedom Award

Co-Awardee

PAVEL BUTORIN

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Humanitarian Award

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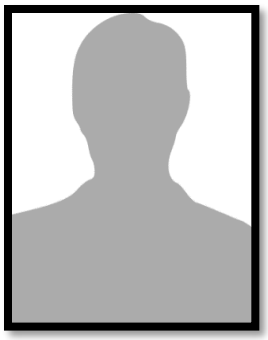

Bill Richardson

Heart of a Patriot Award

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Learn more about our 2026 awardees at:

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EVENT DETAILS

Join us May 5, 2026, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC

Cocktail attire preferred

VIP in The Fourth Estate Room from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cocktail hour (appetizers, beer & wine service) in the First Amendment & Holeman Lounges beginning at 6:00 PM

Dinner will be served in the Ballroom at 7:00 PM

Awards begin promptly at 8:00 PM

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

	Platinum $50,000	Gold $25,000	Silver $10,000	Bronze $7,500	Friend of Jim $1,500
VIP Reception	12 VIP Tickets	6 VIP Tickets	4 VIP Tickets	2 VIP Tickets	-
Tickets	17 Tickets Premiere Seating	9 Tickets Premiere Seating	7 Tickets	5 Tickets	This donation covers the cost of 2 tickets for hostage family guests
Recognition included in Opening Remarks	Name/Company mentioned in opening remarks	Name/Company mentioned in opening remarks	-	-	-
Awards Attendee Gift	Name/Logo featured on first sponsor page of official Awards appreciation gift	Name/Logo featured in official Awards appreciation gift	Name featured in official Awards appreciation gift	-	-
"Bringing Americans Home" Report	Advanced Briefing	Advanced Briefing	Advanced Briefing	-	-
Social Media	Name/Logo included in 3 dedicated social media posts	Name/Logo included in 2 dedicated social media posts	Name/Logo included in 1 dedicated social media post	-	-
Step & Repeat	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
Email Marketing	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
Day-Of Marketing & Signage	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
Event Slideshow	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
Event Website	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name

The Foley Freedom Awards is a fundraiser that is critical to sustaining our work to advocate for American hostages and wrongful detainees held abroad and promote journalist safety. Sponsorships enable the Foley Foundation to reserve complimentary tickets for hostage families and survivors of hostage-taking to attend at no cost.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please complete this form to confirm your sponsorship. All sponsors must inform the Foundation of their intention to utilize seating no later than April 1, 2026. Payment is due by June 1, 2026.

Forms may be returned via email or mail to:

Amy Coyne: amy.coyne@jamesfoleyfoundation.org
James W. Foley Legacy Foundation
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Thank you for supporting the 2026 James W. Foley Freedom Awards.

Once we receive your completed sponsorship form, we will contact you to discuss arrangements, sponsorship benefits, and recognition. Please send high-resolution color and black and white logos (.EPS or Vector are preferred) to amy.coyne@jamesfoleyfoundation.

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