



**"Thanks for never
giving up on me..."**

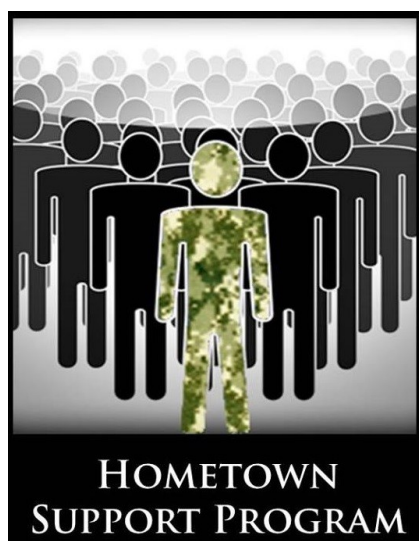
*- David L
Combat Veteran*

My Friends,

We will *never give up* in the fight to care for those, and the families of those, who bear the burdens of war.

Your past assistance has been crucial to our mission of serving those who sacrifice so much on our behalf.

Thousands of military families have felt your caring presence. You have provided food, clothing, home and vehicle repairs, and met many, many other critical needs for military families in genuine crisis. You have sent thousands of care packages overseas giving care and comfort and a 'taste of home' to service members in harms way. You have helped military members and their families find meaningful employment. You have helped provide a 'rapid response' connection to confidential mental health care. You have provided assistance for wounded warriors coping with the devastating effects of injury. **And most importantly, you have provided help and *hope* for military and veteran families during their times of greatest need.**



...and at the very *heart* of what you have done:

Through our Hometown Support Program, thousands of specially trained volunteer caregivers are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of military families across the Nation. People who understand the complex effects of military service. People willing to listen. People trained to detect words and behaviors that are indicators. People who have access to the dedicated resources necessary to proactively address the needs of military families before problems escalate to crisis situations. People who are able to create and sustain an environment of trust. And most importantly, *people who have the skills to help prevent suicides and divorces.*

Thanks to *you*, many have been trained, but many more are needed as we expand this effective and unprecedented system of support to more and more communities across America. Your gift will help equip more Hometown Support Volunteers to provide a caring presence in the lives of military and veterans families in critical need.

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We need your help now more than ever. We promise to continue to make your money work *hard*. For the last six years, more than 96 cents of every dollar we have received has been returned to military families in programs and services. Few charities are as effective in the stewardship of their donor's contributions.

No gift is too small! Just one example: \$10 buys nearly 100 pounds of food for our pantries open exclusively to military and Veteran families. Imagine what \$100 or \$1000 could do!

You can provide your tax deductible financial support in one of two ways:

- Visit www.heroescare.org and click on **DONATE** to learn what your gift can mean and to give securely online.
- Make your check payable to **HEROES CARE** dated on or before **December 31st** and send to:

HEROES Care
330 Sun Valley Circle
Fenton, MO 63026

A postage paid return envelope is enclosed with this letter for your convenience.

Please remember: You are not just a part of this great goodness. As a steadfast supporter, you *are* this great goodness.

Wishing you and yours all of the joys and blessings of the Holiday season. You have certainly blessed us and those we serve...

For The Troops and Their Families,

Jon Jerome
President and CEO

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care

Questions or comments? Contact me directly on my cell phone at 314-799-1475 or by email at jon.jerome@heroescare.org.



GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE! Of the more than 40,000 recognized military charities across the Nation, only 26 military family support charities hold Four Star Charity status from Charity Navigator, the highest rating they confer. We are proud to say we are one of these charities. Charity Navigator is the world's leading and most respected charity rating service. Non-profits undergo rigorous scrutiny and must meet their very high standards to earn the right to display the Four Star Charity Seal.

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