Providing a financial bridge for our Colorado military and veteran families.

OUR MISSION

The Home Front Cares provides emergency and responsive support and grants for Colorado’s military members, veterans and their families, who have been impacted by service to our Nation.

OUR VISION

That The Home Front Cares emergency financial bridge provides hope for a brighter future to our Colorado military members, veterans and their families.
**OUR PROGRAMS**

- **General Fund/Grants to Families:** one-time emergency grants for essential life expenses such as rent/mortgage, utilities, and transportation. Prevent evictions, homelessness and utility disconnects.

- **Non-urgent Grants Fund:** In some circumstances, we provide assistance for non-emergency needs, such as a mattress for an amputee, travel expenses for Fort Carson memorial services or help with payment for a certification class that will assist a client in finding employment.

- **Welcome Home Heroes (WHH) Fund:** Volunteers from THFC meet every plane that arrives in Colorado Springs carrying soldiers returning directly from Iraq and Afghanistan. THFC staff and volunteers have greeted over 40,000 returning personnel since the start of the program in 2003.

- **Help Line:** Our help line enables us to connect with those who need and qualify for our assistance, as well as allows us to connect those who do not qualify to more suitable or additional resources.

“We sent them there whole and they came back broken. We have an obligation to help them.”
—Dennis McCormack, Veteran Advocate and Past THFC Board Member

**OUR DIFFERENCE**

- **We provide financial assistance, when others won’t.** According to the 2015 Guidestar report, *U.S. Veterans Organizations by the Numbers*, the majority of veteran organizations throughout the U.S. provide no financial assistance to clients and only 10% provide more than $250,000 per year—which THFC has been doing since 2006.

- **We act fast.** Once we receive all of the required documentation, our case managers and Case Review Committee have the ability to cut a check within 24-48 hours. This is crucial when a family is on the verge of eviction.

- **We always practice due diligence.** Every client’s finances are vetted, creditors contacted and we pay the creditors directly.

- **We keep a roof over our clients’ heads.** In fiscal year 2016, nearly 70% of our direct grant assistance prevented veterans and their families from becoming homeless or helped homeless veterans get into apartments and on the right track to becoming self-sufficient.

- **We receive no federal funding.** We rely entirely on donations and grants from the community and Money raised in Colorado stays in Colorado.

“I commanded at just about every level in the Air Force during my career...12 of the 34 years in uniform. I have personally seen the trials and tribulations that our enlisted families endure. Having THFC available truly makes an impact in the lives of so many families who just need a “bump” to make it through the month while still treating all with respect and dignity.”
— THFC Board Member Anthony Przybyslawski (Ret. Major General, USAF)
The Home Front Cares serves all branches of the military, including Guard and Reserves, as well as veterans of all wars.

The majority of our clients are in their 20s and 30s and have recently separated from military service, many involuntarily.

We serve clients from all parts of Colorado—approximately 40% of our clients come from Denver.

99% of our clients are veterans
75% report as disabled
70% have families to support

“I work for The Home Front Cares because the financial assistance goes directly to those that have served their country. As an Army spouse for 23 years I understand the sacrifices that are made when someone serves and deploys. Sometimes the little bit of help The Home Front Cares can provide, whether it is keeping the utilities on or making sure a car doesn’t get repossessed, is all someone needs to get back on their feet.” —Susette Ryan, THFC Case Manager

Many veterans who file first-time disability claims may have to wait months for decisions and benefits, and claims appeals can take several years to resolve.

Veterans may find themselves in financial crises because they have not yet been able to find a job or because they have not yet been able to find a second or higher paying job to lift them out of poverty.

Veterans who are using their GI Bill may find themselves unable to pay their bills during summer or winter breaks.

Nearly 1 in 4 veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan have service-connected disabilities including amputations, traumatic brain injuries, PTSD and major depression.

Each day, 20 veterans commit suicide in the United States — the rate among veterans under 30 is six times the rate of civilian suicides.

Due to housing loss, there are approximately 47,725 homeless veterans a night. Colorado had between 3 and 6% of all homeless veterans in the United States in 2015.
FY 2016 STATISTICS

THFC’s fiscal year runs from May 1st to April 30th. In FY 2016 THFC:

Provided over $400,000 in financial assistance to 327 individuals or families

472 children were impacted by our assistance

THFC provided resource coordination for 1,255 military members, veterans and their families to ensure that they got the mental, emotional and vocational help they needed

Nearly 1600 clients and their families were touched by THFC support last year

97% of our client survey respondents said that they had been experiencing emotional or psychological difficulties (including stress/anxiety, fear, depression, hopelessness, and thoughts of suicide) before receiving assistance—100% reported that our assistance helped relieve the difficulties

97% reported that THFC’s assistance helped them remain or move toward financial stability

Without THFC’s assistance:

♦ 53% would have been evicted
♦ 51% would have lost their utilities
♦ 32% would not have had adequate food
♦ 5% said they considered taking their lives prior to assistance
OUR FINANCIALS—FY 2016

- **Total Income:** $1,029,898
- **Program Expenses:** $677,674
- **Fundraising Expenses:** $95,125
- **Administrative Expenses:** $73,679
- **Total Expenses:** $846,478
- **End-of-Year Net Assets:** $358,681

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**2016 Expenses**
- **General and administrative expenses:** 8.70%
- **Grants to Families:** 65.75%
- **Fundraising expenses:** 11.24%
- **Energy Assistance Fund:** 13.68%
- **Welcome Home Heroes Fund:** 0.83%

**2016 Revenues**
- **Contributions and grants:** 82.53%
- **Other revenues:** 0.80%
- **Special events, net:** 16.67%