Since our inception, The Home Front Cares (THFC) has helped over 1800 service members, veterans and families. In the past 3 years of this time period, THFC has helped over 100 homeless veterans get back on their feet. Through a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program, THFC helps homeless veterans with the down payment on an apartment, the first month’s rent and meals as they transition back to the workforce. These grants average $1,000 per recipient.
While recovering from the loss of a late-term pregnancy, the wife of a deployed soldier found herself behind in rent and unable to make ends meet. THFC granted the family funds to cover the past due rent, preventing the family’s eviction while the soldier was serving in Afghanistan.

“An Active Duty Soldier supporting a family of 5 needed assistance with sizable automobile repair costs. The Soldier had no other means of transportation and relied on requesting rides from others to get to work, buy groceries and transport children. THFC partnered with the Army Community Services, Army Emergency Relief program to cover the car repair costs.”
Growing with the Changing Needs of Our Military Families

We consider it a privilege to help meet the needs of military families who have given so much to serve our country. There are a number of outstanding organizations in this community doing wonderful work on behalf of our military personnel. So what makes The Home Front Cares unique?

Military personnel returning home from deployment often face a variety of challenges. Many face the challenges of recovering from injury. Others struggle in reconnecting with their families, which may include putting their marriages back together after prolonged periods of absence, as well as many other adjustments. A growing number are facing the daunting challenge of leaving the service due to injuries received in combat. Many of these veterans are not financially prepared for this transition to civilian life, and find themselves in extreme financial distress while they wait to receive their VA benefits.

We are frequently called to step in to address immediate, urgent financial needs for these young families, whether still on active duty, or now as veterans. After all, it’s hard to focus on rehabilitation, or rebuilding your family life or transitioning to civilian life as a veteran if you cannot afford to pay the rent or buy groceries. That’s where we come in. The Home Front Cares assists with responsive, emergency financial needs as a critical first step for our military personnel. And we have a uniquely local focus. Money raised in Colorado remains in Colorado to meet the needs of local personnel.

Calls for help are growing fast. We have allocated more assistance in the first quarter of this fiscal year 2011, than we did in the entire 12 previous months. Those who have served us need us—and that need will continue to grow. As our country continues to draw down troops, it’s likely that the general public will think that the need to support our troops will diminish. Nothing could be further from the truth. While our physical presence on the battlefield may shrink, and the public loses sight of the contributions made, our wounded veterans can’t simply forget their injuries and challenges.

We can’t—and won’t—leave a fallen comrade behind. That is why The Home Front Cares remains committed to meeting the immediate needs of those who have sacrificed so much to serve us.

They answered the call to serve us – will you now serve them?

The Home Front Cares has said “yes” to this question since 2003—stepping in with emergency financial assistance to 1800 service members, veterans and family members over the past 11 years. The Home Front Cares helps military personnel with emergency support for basic needs such as food, rent, car repair and utility expenses. Helping service members or veterans meet their basic needs allows them to focus on important issues such as healing, marriage, securing employment, attending school and more. Our focus on local personnel makes us unique because every dollar donated in Colorado stays in Colorado!

The Home Front Cares is committed to our military personnel for the long haul. That’s why, in addition to the support we’ve provided for military families, we’ve been hard at work this year to increase our capacity and ensure that we’ll be there for the families that need us. You can see evidence of this commitment in our new office location, our refined policy development, the added security of our virtual server. We also increased our outreach and partnerships, and ramped up our marketing efforts with increased use of social media. And we take our fiscal responsibility seriously. Our Annual Report and a clean audit confirm that more than 86 percent of each dollar donated is used in support of our mission! That’s significantly higher than most charitable organizations.

But we can’t do it without you! On behalf of our staff, board and military clients, thank you for supporting The Home Front Cares and helping us make these very important strides toward longevity. We know that requests for our support and outreach will only increase in the near future. With your continued support, we’ll be there to answer their call.

Lt Gen Ed Anderson, USA (Ret)
President/Chair, THFC

April Speake
Executive Director
Welcome home GWOTheroes program

Small Tokens of Appreciation Make a Big Difference

We’re often reminded of the significant sacrifice deployed troops and their families are called to make. That’s why The Home Front Cares has supported “welcome home” and morale support activities for deployed personnel and their families through the “Welcome Home Global War on Terror Heroes Program” since 2007. This program—which originated in 2003—also supports activities for wounded soldiers, memorial services, and other events where Department of Defense funding is not available.

But sometimes, it’s the small things that our deployed troops really miss—and remind them of the homes they’ve left behind. As one returning soldier remarked, “I knew I was finally home, when I had a QuarterPounder® in my hand and a cold soda to go with it—in a can with all the writing in English instead of that squiggly stuff I’d been seeing!”

That’s why community groups lead by a member of our Board meets each returning military charter flight returning from deployment. These returning “hungry heroes” are greeted with a “sand-free” Quarter Pounder with cheese and a cold soda in an English language-labeled can as a small token of appreciation for a job well done.

Your support of The Home Front Cares helps us offer these small tokens of appreciation that can make a big difference in the lives of our returning heroes.
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Mission

*The Home Front Cares program provides support for Colorado’s service members, veterans and family member of all services, who have been impacted by deployment in harm’s way.*

History and Progress

The start of military action in Iraq on March 20, 2003, spurred two retired Air Force Colonels, Bob Carlone and Joe Henjum, to initiate plans for the start of The Home Front Cares (THFC) program. They wanted to provide a support network for families to help when other established programs could not. Mayor Lionel Rivera publicly announced the program on May 13, 2003 at Colorado Springs’ City Hall. A large group of local and military organizations was present. Since its inception in May 2003, THFC has provided direct support to more than 1,800 military families, valued at over $2,000,000 through the hard work by dedicated volunteers, and generous donations of individuals, businesses and foundations. THFC has helped many others through our sponsorship of activities for service members. THFC supports service members of all military branches, veterans and families residing in Colorado who have been impacted by deployment in harm’s way since Sept 11, 2001. Due diligence is conducted by program staff, confirming military service and financial need. A committee consisting of selected members of the THFC Board of Directors approves all grants.

General Fund/Grants to Families-

Provides one time grants to families in need due to unforeseen circumstances caused by deployment. Childcare, transportation, household repairs, and other extraordinary expenses are among items covered. Average grant currently averages $1,500.

Wounded Troops/Casualty Fund-

Assists with transportation, lodging, and food expenses for family members to visit wounded loved ones in military hospitals and to attend memorial services. Energy Assistance Fund-Pays utility bills for military families through grants from Energy Outreach Colorado. Veteran Adaptive Housing Program-In partnership with HBA Cares, provides financial support for needed housing modifications.

Welcome Home Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Heroes Fund-

Supports welcoming activities for soldiers and families, unit events, memorial services, and other functions not readily covered by existing infrastructure.

Operation Home Front-

Offers emergency towing, roadside assistance, and discounts on parts and labor for car maintenance and repair through collaboration with the Phil Long family of dealers.

Our Organization-

THFC is a registered nonprofit organization in the state of Colorado with 501c3 status. Volunteers are proud to help the families of our brave fighting forces. If you are interested in volunteering for The Home Front Cares, please contact us.

To Learn More About THFC or to Contact Us:

1. Visit our website at: www.thehomefrontcares.org
2. Call us at: 719-434-1407
3. Write to us at: The Home Front Cares, P.O. Box 38516, Colorado Springs, CO 80937-85164. Visit our office at: 1120 N. Circle Dr., Ste 7, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
### *Audited Statements of Financial Position*

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### Statements of Activities

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*Full audit can be obtained from The Home Front Cares upon request*
## Corporations and Foundations

### $25,000-$99,999
- Anonymous
- Drake, Alberta Revocable T/U/A
- Energy Outreach Colorado
- Sams Club
- TriWest Healthcare Alliance
- Phil Long Dealerships

### $10,000-$24,999
- Colorado Technical University
- JBI Construction
- L3 Communications
- Lockheed Martin
- Northrop Grumman (TX)
- PCL Construction
- The Boeing Company (CS)
- United Launch Alliance

### $5,000-$9,999
- ITT Industries
- Jiffy Lube
- Lewis Family Foundation, The
- Orbital Sciences Corporation
- Scitor Corporation
- Integral Systems

### $2,500-$4,999
- All Colorado Beer Festival
- Cobham Analytical Solutions
- Dunrite Inc.
- Fisher Deberry Foundation
- Invisible Fence
- NDIA Rocky Mountain Chapter
- Pikes Peak Assn of Realtors, Inc.
- Weather Proof Exteriors, LLC

### $1,000-$2,499
- Air Force Association, Sijan Chapter
- Broadmoor Resort, The
- Brotherhood of the 74
- Chick Fil A
- Church of St. Michael the Archangel
- Cripple Creek Hardware & Supply Inc.
- ENT FCU
- Enterprise
- Glenagle Sertoma
- HB&A
- Intermountain Electric
- Maxum Petroleum
- Mercedes-Benz of Colorado Springs
- Military Cable Ads, Inc.
- Murphy Contractors of COS, Inc.
- Park West Imaging
- Pikes Peak Community Foundation
- Sunrise Lions Parkdale Branch Club
- HuHot Mongolian Grill

## Individuals

### $25,000+
- Dahlberg, Kenneth & Betty

### $10,000-$24,999
- Woodford, Joseph & Linda

### $5,000-$9,999
- Frawley, Gerald & Patricia
- Pomarico, Larry
- Teets, Peter Hon & Vivan
- Calhoun, Coach Troy

### $2,500-$4,999
- Atkinson, Tracy
- Disque, Neil & Margaret
- Lubell, Carol & Jerry
- Mentzler, Garry
- Osterhouse, Pamela
- Ross, Allen & Beth

### $1,000-$2,499
- Ainsworth, Eddie
- Ball, William & Betty
- Bancroft, Ronald & Susan
- Boyd, Marvin
- Brown, James III
- Diggs, Sherry
- Dooley, Thomas
- Dunker, John & Ann
- Edward Wargin
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- Shiller, David
- Stein, Robert, Brig Gen USAFR (Ret)& Arlene
- Stoot, Fredrick & Janette
- Vaughan, Carroll & Thuon, Gloria
- Walsh, Patrick
- Whitcomb, Chris & Darrel

## In Kind

### $1,000+
- ATK
- Colorado Technical University
- Cujkati Design
- Eagle Design Studio
- McDonalds of Southern Colorado
- Military Cable Ads
- Pepsi-Cola

### $500-999
- Broadmoor Hotel & Resort
- Carrabas Italian Grill (near World Arena)
- McVan Publishing
- The Liniger Family Foundation

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