



February Newsletter

2023

USA Cares' mission is to provide post-9/11 military veterans, service members, and their families with financial assistance and post service skills training to create a foundation for long-term stability. Our services improve the quality of life for veterans and their families and reduce potential factors that can contribute to veteran suicide.

MAKE A DONATION



MISSION MOMENT: Jason Glidewell

Jason and his family of five faced imminent homelessness after the abrupt end to his military career. He now credits USA Cares with not only saving his family, but inspiring it to continue serving.

[READ HIS STORY](#)



Dear Friends,

In mid-January, the Department of Veteran Affairs announced a new policy that allows veterans, whether enrolled in the VA or not, to receive emergency healthcare during a suicidal crisis at no cost to them. The policy removes one more barrier for veterans seeking mental healthcare.

At USA Cares, our mission is to improve the quality of lives of our veterans before they reach a point where emergency intervention is needed.

Jason's story above is the perfect example of how your support can completely change the trajectory of a veteran and their family's lives. It is heartbreaking to think what Jason's life might have looked like had he and his family not received assistance from USA Cares. We are glad to

see he and his family doing well, and are grateful for his willingness to share their experience.

Kelly's story is a great reminder that veterans often find themselves facing financial hardship not because of reckless spending habits or poor decisions, but simply from things out of their control. Often we see a direct correlation to injuries and trauma sustained during service.

At our second annual Groundhog Day Breakfast, featured speaker Fred Johnson spoke of second chances, and the opportunity to show grace to one another in life. You will probably remember our former client and Marine veteran, Gregory Middleton, who was featured in our January newsletter and also spoke at our Breakfast. In his speech, he credited USA Cares with giving him his second chance. You can see more on the Breakfast in this month's "News" section below.

I want to extend a special thank you to all those who attended both the Groundhog Day Breakfast and our Golf Outing at TPC Scottsdale. We remain grateful for all those who share their time with us to help support USA Cares.

Thank you as well to Mike McGregor who, at my request, penned his transition story to highlight the important guidance our Career Programs Team provides our military members. We have seen the tremendous effect a proactive approach to veteran suicide can have on our veterans and their families.

The need for our assistance, however, far outweighs our resources. Join us in our fight against veteran suicide by helping USA Cares grant a 'second chance' to our veterans with your support. You can truly make a difference.

Trace Chesser

President & CEO, USA Cares



YOUR DONATION'S **IMPACT**



Kelly's Story

Kelly did everything she was supposed to do in preparation for her service-related surgery, but she had no way of preparing for an extended recovery. Never thinking she'd need it, Kelly finally reached out to USA Cares.

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Mike's Story

After more than 30 years in the Army, retired Colonel Mike McGregor's transition out of the military seemed as daunting of a task as any of his four deployments. He shares his firsthand account of how USA Cares helped him carve his path to the civilian workforce.

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SATURDAY
AUGUST 19

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Groundhog Day Breakfast



Veteran experiences were the focal point for the 2nd Annual Groundhog Day Breakfast. A big thank you to retired US Army Colonel Fred Johnson, and US Marine veteran and former client of USA Cares, Gregory Middleton, who shared their stories with transparency and

courage. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all those who attended the breakfast and donated to USA Cares, with special thanks to presenting sponsor, Papa Johns. You have assisted future veterans who need our help.

USA Golf CLassic at TPC Scottsdale

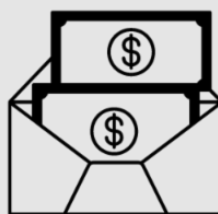


A special thank you to all those who attended the first annual USA Cares Golf Classic at TPC Scottsdale, with special thanks to our *sponsors*, Roller Die + Forming, Starcorp LLC, and MacLellan Integrated Services. We hope you enjoyed the beautiful course and PGA Tour setup as much as we did. It was a pleasure to spend the day with you and we hope see you back in 2024!

January Numbers



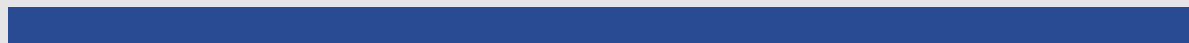
83 Families
with
113 Children
Assisted



\$219,669.11
of Financial Assistance
Distributed



57
Evictions/Foreclosures
Stopped





Congratulations, James Clark!



Army veteran James Clark was awarded the 2022 Chapters Program Executive Director of the Year Award at the Groundhog Day Breakfast. James raised more than \$70,000 as the Ohio Chapter ED, organizing several successful fundraising events including an American Heroes Breakfast in Cincinnati in November. Thank you to James, and all of our wonderful Chapter Executive Directors, who are doing the groundwork that allows USA Cares to give our veterans that second chance to thrive.

Check Out This Week's Episode

Join Annice, Matt, and Josh every week for the podcast series that shares the voices of veterans, military members, and the people around them

in an authentic, conversational setting.

January episodes include interviews with **Retired US Army General David Petraeus** and **Groundhog's Day Breakfast Speaker Gregory Middleton**. Make sure to subscribe so you don't miss an episode.

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Every donation USA Cares receives helps to change a veteran and their family's life. With the financial need for each veteran continuing to increase, many feel like their single donation is not doing enough. This is where the Cadence Monthly Giving Program comes in.

An automated donation of \$35 every month (\$420/year) pays for a veteran's monthly grocery bill; \$50 per month (\$600/year) pays a monthly car payment; \$100 per month (\$1,200/year) pays a monthly mortgage payment. Your commitment provides USA Cares with the steady, reliable income stream and is the best way to allow us to focus on helping our veteran heroes and their families.



[USA Cares Merchandise Store](#)

Proudly show your support of USA Cares by shopping our merchandise store. You can find men's and women's styles for all types of weather, while knowing 25% of every purchase will be donated to our Military Assistance Response Program that helps veteran and military families in crisis.

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