



April Newsletter

2024



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.

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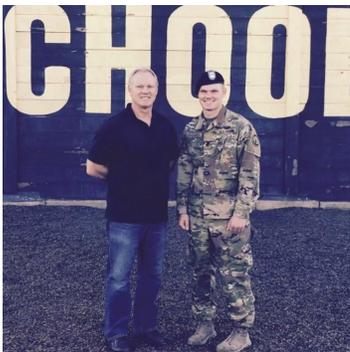


MISSION MOMENT: Tonya Noland*

Tonya Noland recounts the harrowing story of her husband's suicide attempt and how USA Cares' stepped in to provide relief during her family's most traumatic moments.

[Read Her Story](#)

TRACE'S NOTE



Dear Friends,

You might remember this photo from 2023. I shared it during last year's Month of the Military Child, and here I am, using it again. It's me and my son,

Michael, who, like me, is an Army veteran.

At USA Cares, we remind people that when one person decides to join the Armed Forces, the entire family serves along with them. We can't forget the unique set of challenges military children face. Along with extended time away from their parent(s) and frequent moves, there's also the emotional trauma of

deployments to both their child and the parent.

Which brings me to this month's mission moment. Justin and Tonya Noland's* story is a hard one to read. It's a vivid, real account of the monster that is veteran suicide. Justin bravely served his country in the thick of the Iraq War. Despite a beautiful family and stable career, the weight of the mental wounds of war led him to a terrible decision. Now two children will spend the rest of their lives without their father.

By supporting USA Cares, you can help prevent tragedies like the Nolands'. While we are glad we could assist this family amidst the trauma of a suicide attempt, we hope to get to these vulnerable veterans before events like this occur.

Your support determines the number of families we can reach. Your generosity raises our ceiling of help. Change lives today.

Best Regards,

Trace Chesser, President & CEO

Year-to-Date Numbers



164 Families
with
202 Children
Assisted



\$312,063.07
of Financial Assistance
Distributed



107
Evictions/Foreclosures
Stopped



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Become A Monthly Donor

The best way to show your commitment to our veterans and their families is the Cadence Monthly Giving Program. Your automated donation every month provides USA Cares with a steady, reliable income stream, and is the best way to allow us to focus on helping veteran families in crisis.

NEWS

Mark Your Calendar!

Don't miss your chance to enjoy an elegant evening steeped in military tradition. Click the button below to purchase your table or tickets!



Gala

2024 WE SALUTE YOU
HONORING HEROES, EMPOWERING LIVES

SAVE *the* DATE

7.27.24 | LOUISVILLE, KY

GALT HOUSE HOTEL



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WHITNEY@USACARES.ORG
OR 502-724-0254

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Can USA Cares help a veteran you know?

Our Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) is looking for homeless Kentucky veterans in need of assistance in finding employment and access to housing.

"Homeless" doesn't only refer to those living on the streets. It also includes veterans living with friends/family, in a shelter, or out of their car.

If you know a veteran that fits this description and lives in one of the highlighted counties below, please contact David Keene by emailing david.keene@usacares.org.

USA CARES HVRP SERVICE AREA



Trace Chesser On The Move

Eugene, OR

While on the West Coast, Trace spent time with Lauren Karcher and JCK Companies. As one of the highest performing franchises in the Stars for Heroes Campaign, Trace thanked the group for their dedication and shared how their support is changing the lives of veterans and their families.



Fort Knox

Trace spoke to senior ranking military at Fort Knox's annual ETAP meeting. He

discussed the issue of veteran suicide and why help during transition is so critical for service members.



Fort Campbell

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Louisville, KY

The current CSP Corporate Fellowship cohort had a chance to hear from Trace at one of their Friday meetings. As an Army veteran turned corporate leader, Trace's firsthand experience has proven invaluable to current transitioning military.



Government Relations Team Visits Kentucky Capitol

USA Cares has made a considerable effort to meet with and share our stories with lawmakers throughout the country and in Washington DC. Our goal is to bring awareness of the crisis of veteran suicide and help our lawmakers understand the importance of veteran service organizations like USA Cares who can work quickly, efficiently and at a lower cost than government agencies. Our Government Relations team is also working in numerous states to encourage positive legislation to help veteran families in crisis. If you have any questions about the work being done by this team or have legislation you would like to be a proponent of, please reach out to Carsen Parker at carsen.parker@usacares.org.

(below) Government Relations Manager, Carsen Parker, receives a certificate for her nomination as a Kentucky Colonel during a Kentucky Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H) Committee meeting.



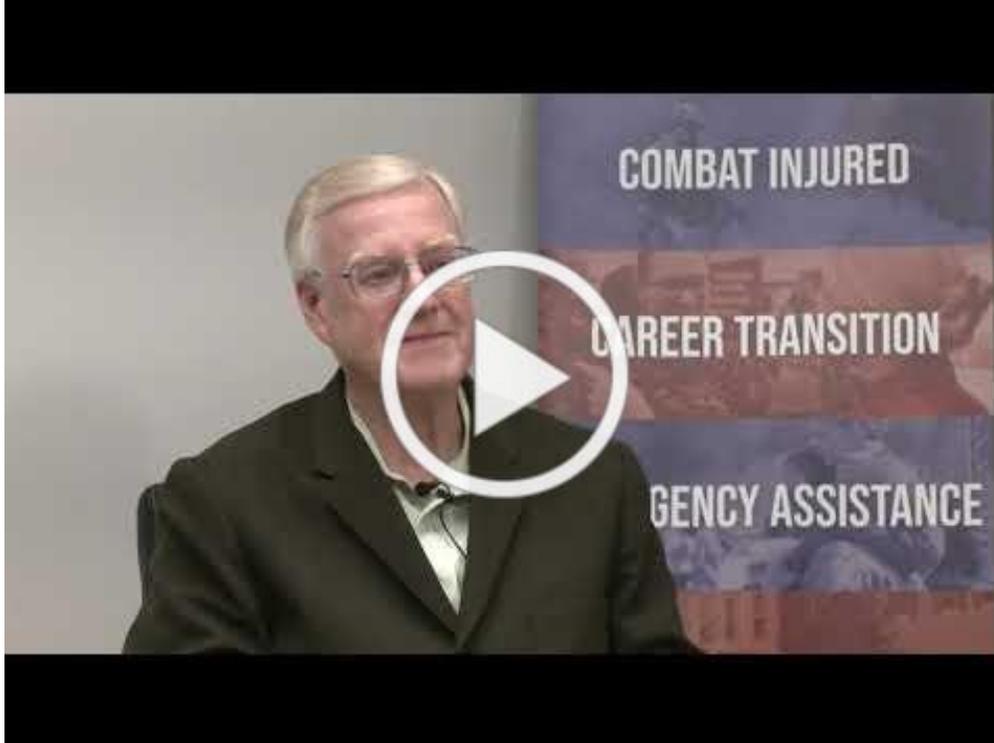
USA Cares in the News

Spectrum News 1 Kentucky - ["Nonprofit USA Cares offers program to help homeless veterans get back on their feet"](#)

WHAS - Great Day Live 3/25/24

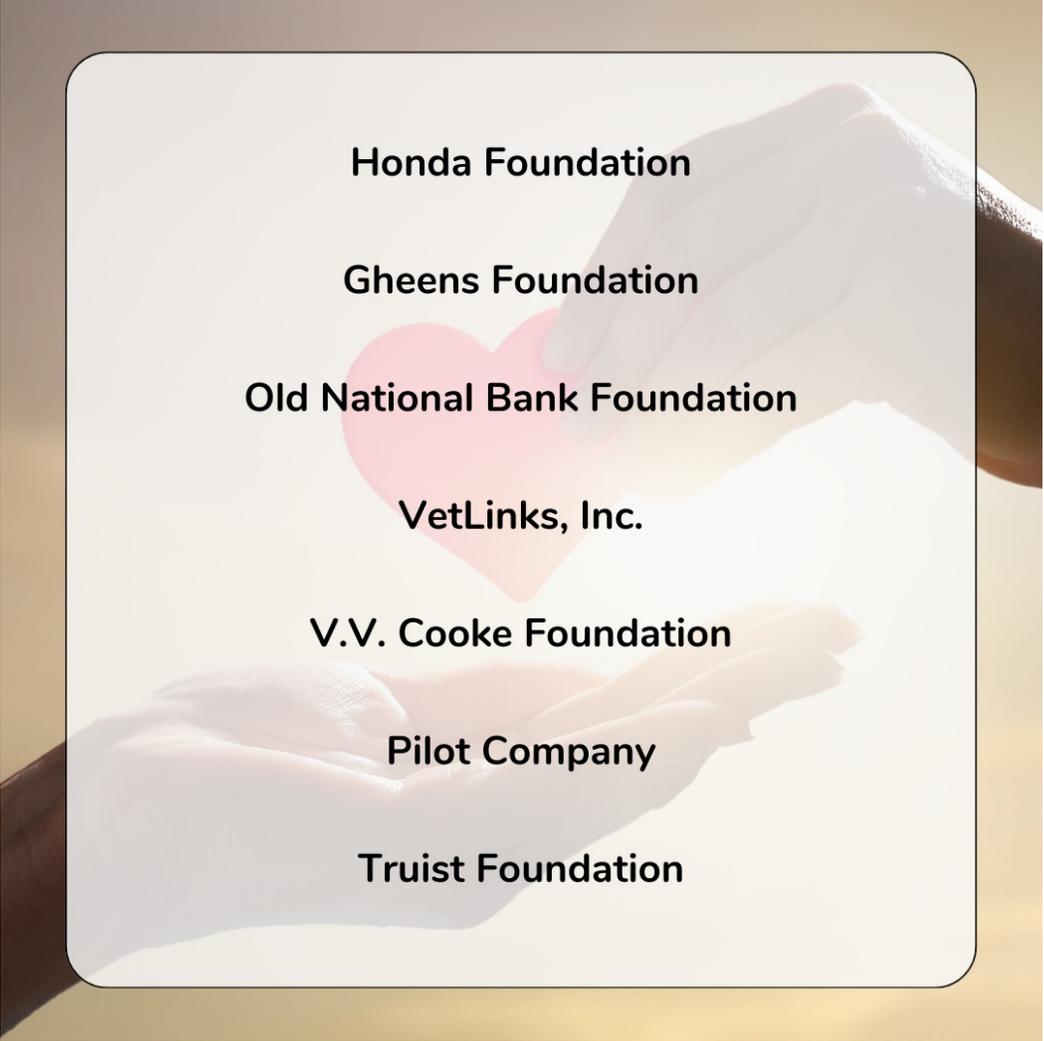


WDRB - ["Louisville nonprofit helping homeless veterans find a new life with housing, jobs"](#)



Thank You For Your Support!

USA Cares is fortunate to receive grant support from many organizations. We would like to acknowledge the following for their support of veteran and military families:

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Honda Foundation

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VetLinks, Inc.

V.V. Cooke Foundation

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CHAPTERS CORNER

Interested in getting involved with or starting your own local chapter? Reach out to Shelby Stills by emailing shelby.stills@usacares.org.

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Volunteers Needed

Veterans need your support! Are you in the following areas and interested in getting involved in your local chapter or starting your own? Reach out to Shelby Stills today!

Phoenix, AZ

Orlando, FL

Pensacola, FL

Tampa, FL

Louisville, KY

St. Louis, MO

Cincinnati, OH

New York, NY

Salt Lake City, UT

Denver, CO

Cincinnati, OH Chapter raises \$10,000+ at Topgolf Event

A special thank you to all the sponsors and participants who joined the Cincinnati Chapter at Topgolf on March 26! The Cincinnati Chapter had the opportunity to meet new faces, share our mission, and enjoy an evening of fun in support of USA Cares.



Upcoming Events

Want to enjoy a fun night out while supporting a great cause? Our Chapters regularly host Topgolf events and other fundraising events in their cities. Here's a list of upcoming events:

April 15 - Phoenix Chapter Raising Canes Dine and Donate Fundraiser
From 4 - 9 pm MST Raising Canes will donate 15% of all sales to USA Cares. Just mention USA Cares at the register!

Location:
7930 W Bell Rd
Glendale, AZ 85308



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