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August Newsletter

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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: Victoria De La Cruz

Victoria had everything she had ever wanted before that fateful day in May.

The widow of Air Force veteran, Luis De La Cruz shares her harrowing story about how USA Cares supported her family when she had no where else to turn.

[Click Video to Watch](#)

Sorry
We're having a little trouble.



TRACE'S NOTE



Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to share the resounding success of our recent USA Cares Gala. This memorable event was not only a night of celebration but also a testament to the incredible support and dedication of our community. Thanks to your generous contributions, we raised significant funds that will directly benefit our mission to

assist military families in their time of need. Your presence and support have made a profound impact and, for that, we are deeply grateful.

While the gala was a highlight of our year, the needs of our military families continue throughout all seasons. I encourage you to keep the spirit of giving alive as we move forward. Whether through monthly donations, volunteering your time, or spreading awareness about our cause, your continued involvement is crucial. Together, we can ensure that no military family faces their challenges alone.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and generosity. Let us continue to stand united in our mission and keep making a difference, one family at a time.

Best Regards,

Trace Chesser, President & CEO

Year-to-Date Numbers



522 Families
with
727 Children
Assisted



\$1,093,883.17
of Financial Assistance
Distributed



327
Evictions/Foreclosures
Stopped

USA CARES
VETERAN & FAMILY
SUPPORT SYSTEM

JOIN THE
\$22 CHALLENGE

Honor Their Service, Change Their Future

Every day, 22 veterans die by suicide, forever altering the lives of those closest to them.

Join USA Cares' Cadence Program and pledge a monthly donation of \$22.

Join Now!

NEWS

2024 'We Salute You' Gala: A Night to Remember!

We at USA Cares are overwhelmed with gratitude for everyone who attended our annual gala. Your presence, generosity, and unwavering support made it an unforgettable evening. Together, we raised vital funds that will directly support our mission to assist military families in need. Thank you for standing with us, celebrating with us, and believing in our cause.



Thank You CKE Restaurants!

We want to extend a massive thank you to CKE Restaurants, Hardee's, and Carl's Jr. for another successful Stars for Heroes campaign! The impact of your contributions is profound, and the positive difference you make in the lives of our heroes cannot be overstated. We are deeply appreciative of your partnership and the generosity of your customers. Together, we are helping to build a brighter future for veterans and their families, ensuring they receive the care and respect they deserve.



Trace and Matt on Capitol Hill

USA Cares' Trace Chesser and Matt Castor took another trip to Washington, D.C.! This time, the pair sat in committee meetings and visited Congressman James Comer's office. Building and maintaining a presence at all levels of government is crucial for USA Cares to effectively advocate for policies that support military families in need. The support and trust of elected officials can help USA Cares secure funding and raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by veterans and their families.



Commonwealth of Kentucky Awards USA Cares \$2 Million in Funding

USA Cares is thrilled to announce that we are receiving \$2 million in funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky! This generous support will significantly enhance and expand our efforts to assist Kentucky veterans and their families. To learn more about how this changes assistance offered to Kentucky veterans, click [here](#).



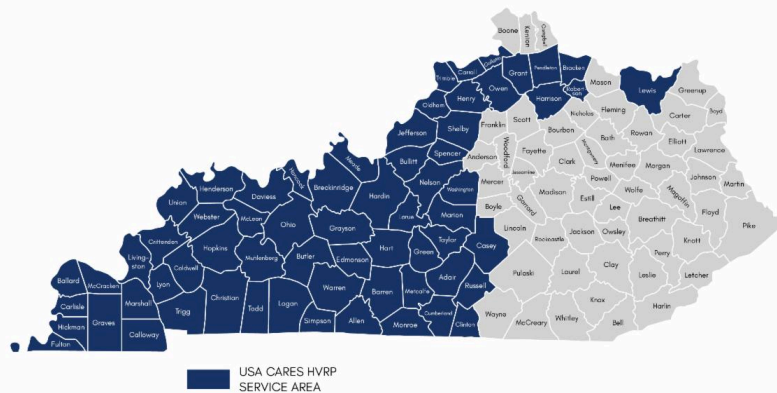
Can USA Cares Help a Veteran You Know?

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



CHAPTERS CORNER

Interested in getting involved in your nearest chapter or starting one locally? Get in touch with us by visiting usacares.org/chapters/ !

[Learn More](#)

Honoring the Brave Food Truck Rally

Thank you to the Louisville Food Truck Association for making USA Cares a beneficiary of it's 'Honoring the Brave' Food Truck Rally. We loved that the event included all veteran-owned food trucks. YUM!



Upcoming Chapter Events

- Aug. 3** - Stroll Golf Cart Wash (Louisville)
- Sept. 7** - J-Town Beach Volleyball Tournament (Louisville)
- Oct. 6** - Red River 22 Charity Hike (Stanton, KY at The Gorge)
- October 12** - Hero Harvest BBQ Competition (Shelbyville, KY)
- November 6** - 2024 American Heroes Breakfast (Cincinnati, OH)

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