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## Gifting Organizations

For your convenience, Army Long Term Family Case Management has compiled the following alphabetical list of gifting organizations that seek to provide material gifts and support to Survivors of current conflicts. Families who have lost a Soldier in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom are eligible to receive gifts and services provided by these organizations. Upon receiving a signed Authorization for Disclosure of Information, the Army sends your name and address to each of these organizations. All organizations on this list have been cleared through the Army Human Resources Command for information sharing.



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### ANGELS FOR HOPE

<http://www.angelsforhope.org/fallensoldier.html>

Angels for Hope is a non-profit organization working to spread hope and caring by sending crocheted angels, butterflies, and smiley faces to reach out to the families of fallen, wounded, and ill Soldiers throughout the country. The organization, according to its website, hopes that the Fallen Soldier Program “will bring some comfort and be a reminder to each family that they are not alone and their loved one has not been forgotten.”

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### ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

1-888-237-2872

<http://www.aerhq.org/dnn563/>

Army Emergency Relief provides a lifetime membership to Armed Forces Services Corporation (AFSC) for spouses and children of fallen Soldiers, entitling them to an array of specialized services at no cost to the Family. AFSC has expertise in the area of government survivor benefits and will quickly provide the widow, or the Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO), a printout reflecting the integrated amounts of survivor benefits (Social Security benefits, SBP, and VA or DIC) the family can expect to receive. AFSC will also include an explanation of the benefits and be available to answer any questions the Family or CAO may have about these benefits. Surviving spouses will receive an annual printout reflecting projected benefit amounts each year as increased by the Cost Of Living Allowance and notified throughout their lifetime of any law changes that affect their survivor benefits.

A surviving Spouse, or their respective CAO, can activate these services by contacting AFSC at 1-888-237-2872. Please visit Army Emergency Relief online for a complete list of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers, program locations, and contact information.

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**BEAUMONT FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**

866-546-2667

<http://www.bmtfoundation.com>

The Beaumont Foundation's Children of Fallen Heroes Program was initiated in April of 2005 to honor the service and sacrifice of United States troops. The brainchild of Chairman Wayne A. Reaud, the program awards laptop computers to the children and spouses of military personnel who gave their lives in the ongoing conflicts in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The Beaumont Foundations is dedicated to enriching the lives and enhancing the futures of less fortunate children and youth, families and the elderly, by providing grants and scholarships to a broad range of charitable, religious and educational organizations across the United States.

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**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC**

<http://www.bluestarmothers.org>

For more than 70 years, Blue Star Mothers of America has brought together mothers who have, or have had, children honorably serving in the military. Named after the practice of displaying a blue flag in honor of loved ones serving in the military, the organization is dedicated to "supporting each other and our children while promoting patriotism."

The organization provides a Gold Star Flag for Families of our fallen Soldiers. Please visit Blue Star Mothers online for contact information, and details on local chapters throughout the country.

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## **CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS FOUNDATION**

866-917-CFPF (2373)

<http://www.fallenpatriots.org/>

The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation was founded with the mission to provide college scholarships and educational counseling to the children of military personnel who were killed in the line of duty.

There are many sources of college educational grants for the children of fallen service members. These range from programs administered by the Veteran's Administration to state sponsored programs to private scholarship funds. However, these grant sources often fall short of the total cost of college and the goal of The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is to "fill the gap" to ensure that no child who has lost a parent in the line of duty has to pay for college.

Please visit the organization online to learn more about its mission, service offerings, and detailed contact and enrollment information.

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## **CHILDREN OF FALLEN SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND**

301-865-6327

<http://www.cfsrf.org>

The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund was founded, October 23, 2003 to help support surviving U.S. Military children who have lost a parent in the Afghanistan or Iraq wars by providing them with College Grants.

The organization's College Grant Program has been expanded to include both U.S. Military children and spouses who have either lost a loved one as a result of the Afghanistan or Iraq wars or have a severely disabled parent or spouse who was injured during a deployment to either war.

The organization's second objective is to help the surviving members of these families with financial assistance. Our goal is to make awards to applicants in need of assistance with housing, repairs, utilities, medical expenses, groceries, clothing, school supplies, and other expenses deemed necessary in order to help alleviate their need.

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## **COMFORT ZONE CAMP**

866-488-5679

<http://www.comfortzonecamp.org>

Comfort Zone Camp® is the nation's largest independent bereavement camp, located in the Richmond, Virginia, metropolitan area. Currently, camps are offered in Virginia and the New York Metropolitan area for grieving children from across the country, and are divided in separate groups for children ages 7-12 and for teens ages 13-17.

Camps are free of charge and scholarships for travel are available for the camper and parent or guardian. Please visit Comfort Zone Camp online for more information on a day at camp, applications, and frequently asked questions.

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**CREATIVE EDGE**

800-394-8145

<http://www.cec-waterjet.com/Public-Memorials/Supporting-Our-Troops.html>

In honor of the sacrifices made by their loved ones, Creative Edge is producing a granite memorial plaque for Families of fallen Soldiers. Each memorial plaque, created at no cost to the family, is laser-etched with a picture of the warrior along with text selected by the Surviving Family. With the Family's permission, a duplicate plaque also will be produced and stored with the intention of creating a memorial wall. .

For more information, please visit Creative Edge online or call the toll-free number provided.

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**FALLEN PATRIOT FUND**

214.658-7125

<http://www.fallenpatriotfund.org>

The Fallen Patriot Fund of the Mark Cuban Foundation was established to help families of U.S. military personnel who were killed or seriously injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The organization believes that financial resources are vital to enhancing the sustainability of the family unit who has suffered a loss because their loved one sacrificed him/herself for freedom.

For more information on grant guidelines, frequently asked questions, and applications please visit the Fallen Patriot Fund online.

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**FALLEN HEROES PROJECT**<http://www.fallenheroesproject.org>

The mission of the Fallen Heroes Project is "to honor the American Fallen Heroes for their ultimate sacrifice during the war against terrorism. The foundation will provide the resources to produce and distribute to each family a hand-drawn portrait of their Fallen Hero, created by artist Michael G. Reagan, free of charge. Each portrait is intended to show our Love and Respect for these Heroes and their families."

With more than 1,200 portraits already completed, the Fallen Heroes Project is actively seeking to connect with other Families that have lost loved ones in conflict. Please visit the Fallen Heroes Project online for more information.

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**FREEDOM QUILTS**

712-288-5328

<http://www.freedomquilts.net>

Freedom Quilts, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of comforting mourning families through the gift of a quilt in honor of their lost loved one. The organization's efforts to date have been dedicated to those families who have lost a loved one in the 9/11 tragedy and to the families of our fallen Soldiers. Through the gift of a quilt, the organization strives to comfort these Families and preserve the honor and memory of their loved ones.

"The quilts will give love and comfort to the families and show them they have not been forgotten. The families can wrap themselves in their quilts whenever they needed to feel the love that was put into each of the quilts. Quilts came from quilters all over the world," says Betty Nielsen, founder of the organization.

Please visit Freedom Quilts online for more information and photos.

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**GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA, INC**

<http://www.goldstarwives.org>

The organization of military widows/widowers whose spouse died while on active duty, or as the result of a military service connected cause, Gold Star Wives (GSW) has been in existence for over 60 years and has over 10,000 members.

The primary mission of GSW is to provide service, support and friendship to the widows and widowers of military personnel who died on active duty or as the result of a service connected cause. Gold Star Wives is a membership organization with chapters throughout the country.

Please visit Gold Star Wives of America online for more information on current activities, events, and application details.

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**HOME OF THE BRAVE QUILTS**

563-242-7213

<http://www.homeofthebravequilts.com>

In gratitude for the service and sacrifice of fallen Soldiers, Citrus Belt Quilters Guild in Redlands, California started making replica quilts based on a Civil War-era U.S. Sanitary Commission quilt. What began as an effort to provide these quilts to the families of local fallen Soldiers, has now spread to nearly all 50 states and the U.S. Territories.

Please visit Home of the Brave Quilts online to request a quilt, find out more information, or view photos.

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**I CRIED TOO**

918-259-5000

<http://www.icriedtoo.org>

Based on the true story of one family's experiences of loss, I Cried Too™ is a project sponsored by the Put On Your Armor™ Foundation and is a Public Service Campaign focused on reaching the hearts of millions of boys and girls. I Cried Too™ provides resources and tools for children who lose a mom or dad and networks various agencies whose mission reflects the goals of I Cried Too™.

The gift of a storybook, CD, and Abundance the bunny rabbit stuffed animal are aimed to help children of fallen Soldiers overcome the devastating effects of grief by providing resources and a support network for children who lose a loved one or experience such tragedies.

For more information on coping with grief, current I Cried Too™ campaigns, and additional information about the organization, please visit the I Cried Too™ website.

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**MUSIC OF BOB HUFF**

<http://www.bobhuffmusic.com>

Musician Bob Huff offers a CD of instrumental music for Families of fallen Soldiers. Please visit the Music of Bob Huff website to see a tribute to Mr. Huff's daughter, Sam, who was killed in Iraq. Also available on the website are samples of music written and performed by the musician.

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**NEVADA BENEFITS FOUNDATION**

<http://www.defendingfreedom.net>

The Nevada Benefits Foundation provides "Defending Freedom" wristbands to Families of fallen Soldiers. The organization also sells wristbands and makes it possible to purchase and donate wristbands to service members who are currently serving.

Please visit Nevada Benefits Foundation online for more information on the organization and a list of military groups that benefit from the proceeds raised.

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**PROJECT COMPASSION**

<http://www.heropaintings.com>

The mission of Project Compassion is to reach the Family of every fallen American in uniform since September 11, 2001, for the sole purpose of giving them an opportunity to request an heirloom-quality tribute to their loved one. Founded in 2003 by Kaziah Hancock, the organization now has five artists dedicated to providing every family a personal gift that will honor the memory of their loved one.

Project Compassion has completed and delivered over 1,000 portraits for Families of fallen Soldiers throughout the country to date.

Please visit Project Compassion online for more detailed information on the process for requesting a portrait of your loved one.

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## **SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN TOUCH**

<http://www.sdit.org>

Sons and Daughters In Touch (SDIT) is dedicated to providing support for the children of Soldiers who died or remain missing as a result of the Vietnam War.

The organization works to produce a quarterly newsletter providing important information to all SDIT stakeholders, promote healing via networking and special projects, and is dedicated to coordinating sustained outreach to high schools and colleges in hopes of providing education on the historical and emotional legacy of war.

For more information on programs and membership, please visit the organization online.

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## **TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS)**

<http://www.taps.org>

TAPS provides ongoing emotional help, hope, and healing to all who are grieving the death of a loved one in military service to America, regardless of relationship to the deceased, geography, or circumstance of the death.

TAPS meets its mission by providing peer-based support, crisis care, casualty casework assistance, and grief and trauma resources. TAPS has provided comfort and care, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through comprehensive services and programs including peer based emotional support, case work assistance, crisis intervention, and grief and trauma resources.

The organization's National Military Survivor Seminars and Good Grief Camps have been conducted for fourteen years, and are now complemented by regional seminars across the country. These seminars, camps and all of the programs and services of TAPS are provided to surviving families and loved ones "free of charge".

Please visit TAPS online for a complete list of service offerings and detailed program information.

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## **UNITED STATES ARMY WOMEN'S MUSEUM**

<http://www.awm.lee.army.mil>

The U.S. Army Women's Museum serves as an educational institution, providing military history training and instruction to soldiers, veterans and the civilian community. As such, the museum serves to honor fallen female Soldiers.

The museum is the custodian and repository of artifacts and archival material pertaining to the service of women across all branches and organizations of the U.S. Army from inception to the present day. The museum collects, preserves, manages, interprets and exhibits these unique artifacts as a means to provide training and educational outreach.

Please visit the United States Army Women's Museum online for more information.

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