



# HOMEFRONT

HONOR THE SERVICE... REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE

2019-2020



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# DEAR FRIENDS



Over the last 17 years we have often been asked the question "what makes SALUTE, INC. different and special?" The answer is . . . keeping it SIMPLE. All of our efforts to assist military families are based on the values that created and shaped our mission. We put emphasis on "doing what we say" and "getting things done". Kindness and compassion are at the forefront of the assistance we provide to those who need it and those who give it. We hold precious the lessons learned through the sacrifices and struggles of the families we serve and assist. When you put others before yourself, you create GOOD. We are forever grateful for GOOD friends and dedicated supporters. *God Bless and please continue to Honor the Service . . . Remember the Sacrifice*

With sincere gratitude,  
**Mary Beth & Will Beiersdorf**

Every veteran we serve has a family – large or small, near or far, there is someone sharing their journey to recovery. Please take a few minutes to read some of their stories and understand how your assistance has brought them hope, encouragement and opportunity. As one family member said to us “Every single day I am grateful.” For the support you provide us in our mission, so too are we.

## CLEAN LAUNDRY, PEACE OF MIND



Doing simple chores like laundry can be a big challenge for someone confined to a wheelchair. Sergeant Kyle knows the reality of that challenge, because he was living in a home with a top-loading machine which he was unable to use because of his physical limitations. Proud Army veteran, Kyle suffers from a degenerative spine disorder that requires full-time use of a

wheelchair. Living on his own and striving to maintain his independence, Kyle asked SALUTE, INC. for a front-loading washing machine, so he could do his own laundry.

SALUTE was happy to provide the **new washing machine** and support Kyle in his quest for an independent and sustainable life. And who doesn't feel better when the laundry is done?

## FINDING A WAY

Travis served four years as an Army specialist, including a tour in Iraq. Upon his discharge from the army, Travis found a job and worked hard to support his wife and four kids. Lingering effects of his PTSD caused him to have an episode at work, which led to mandatory time off from his workplace. His wife took a leave of absence from her job to help him cope with the situation and find appropriate mental health treatment. Fortunately, Travis was able to attend a hospital-based mental health program, which made a tremendous difference in his life. The family had fallen behind on some bills due to both parents being on leave from work, so SALUTE was able to provide financial assistance with **rent, car expenses and utility bills**.

**We received the following thank you letter from the family:**

**“To the Awesome Salute Family Staff!!!! We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you have done for us and our family!!!**



## FINDING A HOME

Like far too many servicemen and women returning home from their tours of duty, Dayn had trouble escaping his past. While his combat duty was recognized with a Purple Heart, Dayn was having less success

receiving benefits from the VA. Because the PTSD/TBI was preventing him from working, he was unable to cover the cost of even basic necessities. The situation was only compounded by the arrival of his first child. Dayn reached out to SALUTE, and we were able to assist with **car payments, auto insurance and rent**. Today, Dayn has received a 100% VA disability rating and was recently able to buy a home in Washington state for his young family. He recently wrote to us saying:

*“Without your help I don't know what would have happened to me and my family. My child now has an excellent future and we have stability. Without the godsend of SALUTE, INC. we wouldn't be here today. You're the definition of true Americans and most of all compassionate human beings!”*

**The road we have previously taken was not an easy one to say the least, but with your help and staff you definitely made our tough financial situation easier and lightened our burden!**

**We are forever grateful and in debt to you in an unspeakable way and will never forget what you have done for our family and not to mention all the Military brothers, sisters and their families as well!! Please keep up and never stop the tremendous outstanding work you do for us all.”**



# TEAMING UP for SALUTE

It truly takes a team to keep SALUTE, INC. running. Whether it's a professional women's softball team, corporate teams that run our Homestretch for Heroes 5K, families that band together, or a determined team of endurance runners, they all fund our Direct Assistance Programs. Here are just a few examples of how teams have contributed to SALUTE, INC. this year.

## HOME TOWN HERO

**Ramina Orah** graduated in 2003 from Resurrection High School. She attended the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 2005 she decided to serve our country as a member of the US Air Force. In 2007 Ramina was deployed to Iraq. On her 23rd birthday Ramina suffered a stroke which affected her speech and mobility. That has not slowed her down. She participates in Sled hockey, bicycle racing and competed in the Valor Wounded Warrior games. she has participated in many SALUTE 5K races. We honor her service and sacrifice today and everyday. **Ramina is our HOMETOWN HERO and a very special member of the Salute family.**



Ramina threw out the first pitch at Salute Night at the Bandits Game this summer.



This year 163 volunteer charity athletes joined TEAM SALUTE for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. After over four months of effort spent training and fundraising, they hit the streets in a big way on October 13th having raised a record **quarter of a million dollars** to fund our Assistance programs. Thank you to each of our runners for your individual efforts and to the Chicago Blackhawks for their generous support providing team shirts, group training opportunities and race day hospitality for our marathoners.



**SISTERS GIVING HOPE** SALUTE Race May, 2019 Dana Roe raised her children to give back to their community. Her three girls created *Sisters Giving Hope*, where they create bracelets and other hand-made items to sell and raise money for others in need. Through their sales, they have raised money for SALUTE for the past six years! **Way to go GIRLS!**

# Veterans GIVING BACK



## TASTY STARTS & SWEET FINISHES FROM CARL'S COOKBOOK

We are constantly amazed at the generous and creative ways that people support our mission. Two years ago, **Carl King**, a local retired **Air Force veteran** who loves to cook for family and friends took his passion one step further. He gathered some of his favorite family recipes and published his own cookbook, simply titled "Carl's Cookbook". But rather than try to sell his collection of recipes, he instead asked local residents to take a copy in exchange for a donation to SALUTE. Before you know it, 500 copies were gone, and SALUTE had received over \$2,500 in donations.

If you know Carl, you know he is not one to take it easy and certainly never runs out of new recipes. So, in 2019, Carl returned with "Tasty Starts & Sweet Finishes", a collection of recipes for appetizers and desserts gathered from family, friends, celebrities and the SALUTE community. Once again, the book is available for anyone and all Carl asks is that recipients send a little something to SALUTE. That sounds like a recipe for success and hope for the military families we serve.

For a copy of "Tasty Starts & Sweet Finishes", visit <https://www.saluteinc.org/events/carls-cookbook/>

## REMEMBERING AL MAMPRE



**"Be good, do good."**  
- Al Mampre

Al Mampre, the last living medic from WWII's famed 'Band of Brothers,' passed away on May 31, 2019. He held the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his service, but he is remembered best for his loyalty to family, friends and the veteran community. He will especially be missed by SALUTE's volunteer photographer, Larry Martin. Thank you Larry for all you do to help SALUTE!

## TIMESAVERS/SALUTE, INC., Charity Golf Outing

### PHGA Support Committee

This powerhouse of dedicated golfers, which includes four veterans, raised in excess of \$80K from the last three golf outings they hosted. The committee is working hard to organize and support the 4th annual golf outing on July 20th, 2020 at Rolling Green Country Club. "Great things can happen by hitting a small white ball!"



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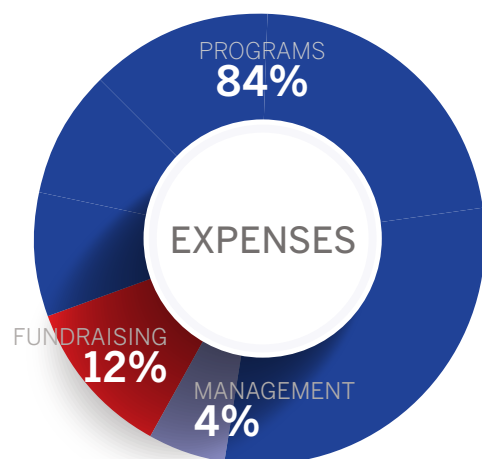
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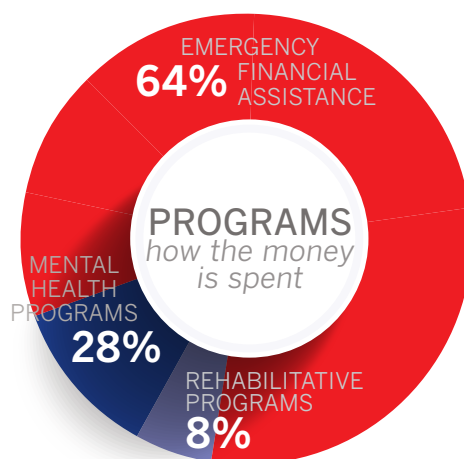
# FINANCIALS

SALUTE, INC. is committed to outstanding stewardship and complete transparency regarding our finances. Through diligent management of the donations and grants we receive, we direct every possible dollar toward achieving our mission of providing financial assistance to bridge the temporary income gaps and meet the basic needs of post 9/11 veterans. Since our inception, we have provided over \$4 million in direct aid to veterans and their families in time of need. We welcome your assistance in helping us further our mission.



SALUTE believes in **transparency, ethical accounting and donor stewardship**. For 2019, we are proud to report that 84% of every dollar was applied directly to support injured veterans and their families.

Source: 3/31/19 federal tax return 990



SALUTE is honored to support veterans and their families seeking treatment through the **mental health** and **rehabilitative programs** located at the following leading medical centers: Rush University Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, Emory University Hospital, UCLA Health, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, Shepherd Center and Neuro Community Care, LLC.



Stock donations are gratefully accepted: Please contact the office at 847-359-8811 for more information.

Make your donation go further: Check with your company to see if it offers a matching gift program that will match your contribution.

The option to donate monthly is available by clicking on DONATE tab at [www.saluteinc.org](http://www.saluteinc.org). It's affordable, convenient and provides sustained support for our programs.

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## OUR MISSION

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## 2020 SAVE THE DATES

<b>FEB. 29</b>	SALUTE, INC. Annual Fundraising Party
<b>MARCH</b>	Associate Board Fundraising Event
<b>JULY 20</b>	SALUTE, INC./PHGA Golf Fundraising
<b>AUGUST</b>	Homestretch for Heroes 5K
<b>OCT. 11</b>	Bank of America Chicago Marathon

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**2019-2020 NEWSLETTER**

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**"Although we can never know the full extent of what you have gone through to protect our freedom, please know we can never thank you enough"**