

"It was just meant to be!"



Dear Friends,
Will and I are **sincerely** appreciative of every dollar donated and every volunteer hour spent making SALUTE what it is today.

Together we have accomplished more than we could've ever imagined. We have seen challenges turn into victories, and barriers into opportunities. Our success is truly measured in the 20,000 families assisted, Millions of dollars spent on rent/mortgage and countless lives changed forever. It's through the power of connection, creative problem solving and personal commitments that we are able to help so many families. We are proud to look back at all we have accomplished, and the past will encourage us to continue the important work of SALUTE. **You have given HOPE and PEACE OF MIND to so many!** God Bless *MB and Will*

A SUCCESS Story

"It's common knowledge that having a strong support system is key to a wounded warrior's recovery and SALUTE was central to mine. While many pitied me or thought I was foolish for trying to run an art studio with my injuries, SALUTE simply asked what I needed to succeed and gladly provided it. They did so giving me the respect I needed when I needed it most. I'm proud to say I'm a member of the SALUTE family." – David Barker, Esq. SSG (RET.)

Staff Sgt. Barker served as a combat medic in the 82 ABN Division and later as a Psychological Operations Tactical Team Leader in the Army Reserve. During his deployment in support of OIF III, he was severely injured in Baghdad when his convoy was attacked by a vehicle bomber. He sustained serious injuries to his shoulder, right forearm and both knees. After amputation of a finger, nine surgeries and extensive physical therapy, he returned home suffering with limb pain and limited use of his right hand and arm.

Although devastated that his military career was over, David was determined to earn a decent living and provide for his young family. So, he returned to what he loved and knew best – the creative arts. He opened a custom paint studio. However, because of his injuries, David struggled to produce the artwork he needed to be successful. At that point SALUTE stepped in to help,

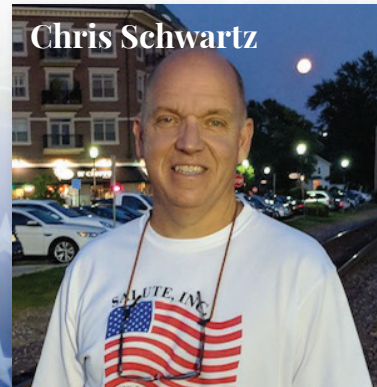


purchasing a unique professional airbrush that adapted to his injuries allowing him to be more efficient and creative with his artwork. SALUTE also provided financial assistance with a mortgage, utility bills and a laptop. The airbrush however was central to David's success as an artist and business owner. That success influenced him to become an attorney who specializes in advising individuals and businesses in the creative arts industries.

Building Upon Their LEGACY and DEDICATION



Nancy McIlvaine



Chris Schwartz



Bob Mathieson



Joyce Feder

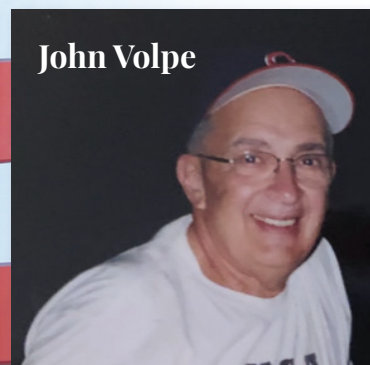


Carl King



Joe Healy

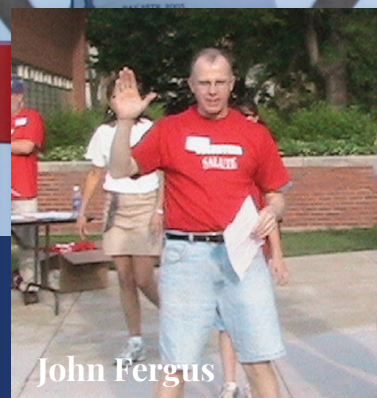
THEY SHARED
Love of Country
and Passion for
helping others



John Volpe



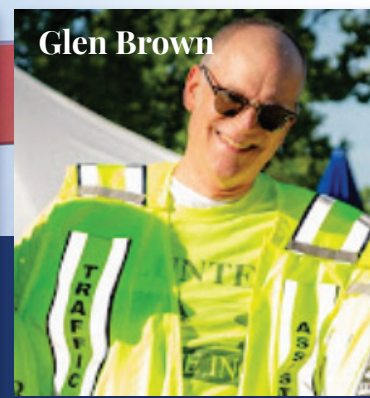
Vince Volpe



John Fergus



Mike & Annette Robbins



Glen Brown

It REALLY takes a TEAM



1620
Runners!

Since 2005, TEAM SALUTE
Chicago Marathon Teams have raised
\$2.28 Million

42,000+
Miles Raced

Thank You Charity Runners! You keep us moving forward.

2001 Attack on our Nation 9.11.2001

2002 Beiersdorf family receives community support

2003 First marathon team

2005 Partnership with Shirley Ryan Ability Lab

2006 Pfc. William Newgard, a local hero was killed in action Dec. 29th

2007 Rosemont Fundraising Events begin

2008 First office space - rent and utilities donated by the Patzke Family

2009 Formation of TEAM SALUTE

2010 "Why Will runs" the Chicago Marathon

2011 "Homestretch for Heroes" debuts at Arlington Park Racecourse

2012 One Million Dollars provided in Emergency Financial Assistance

2014 Partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project

2015 2015- 2017 CIACO, Plumbers and Roofers Unions and PHGA Golf events begin

2016 Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce Not For Profit Organization of the Year 2019

2020 Despite the pandemic, committed donors continue to GIVE

2022 6.5 Million Dollars distributed in Emergency financial Assistance

OUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

TOTAL REVENUE
\$1,238,661

57% From Individuals
15% from corporations
28% foundation grants

\$468,443
spent in housing
assistance, providing
a safe home for
279 FAMILIES

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$1,131,485
85% program expenses
11% fundraising expense
4% administrative



"Thanks for the support received from SALUTE, INC. and all of its donors"

... and since our start in 2003
SALUTE, INC. has provided over
\$6.6 million in financial
assistance, providing support for over
20,000 people.

Platinum
Transparency
2022
Candid.



"It is hard to express how incredibly thankful we are for SALUTE's help"



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Health therapy**
provided for
**147
VETERANS**

**CASE WORKERS'
VOLUNTEERED
HOURS**
1,700

OUR MISSION

SALUTE, INC. is dedicated to meeting the financial, physical and emotional needs of injured military service members, veterans and their families.

SALUTE, INC. is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Complete financial statements and tax returns are available at www.saluteinc.org.

2023 SAVE THE DATES

FEB. 25	SALUTE, INC. Fundraising Party
MAY 27	SALUTE, INC. 5K/10K
JULY 10	SALUTE, INC./PHGA GOLF FUNDRAISER
OCT. 8	Bank of America Chicago Marathon
NOV. TBD	Associate Board Fundraiser

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Serving Our Veterans Nationwide



"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"



20 YEARS . . . Countless lives changed for the better

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