

# The Heart and "Sole" of TEAM SALUTE

2024-2025 NEWSLETTER



We continue to be **FOREVER** grateful for our volunteers, staff, and generous supporters. Salute is recognized as an organization, but truly should be defined as a FAMILY. We are individuals working together creating a foundation and commitment for change. Promoting shared values and creating a sense of purpose and belonging for the true benefit of others - that's what makes Salute special and different! **TOGETHER** we can continue to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those who have sacrificed for our country. Our goal is to continue working to help Veterans sustain stability, dignity and independence. We are proud and privileged to have been working side by side with YOU for 22 years and caring for our military members and their families. **YOU are the "Heart and Soul" of this organization**!

With sincere gratitude, Mary Beth and Will Beiersdorf Committed to "Honoring the Service and Remembering the Sacrifice". MB and Will

# Life is a **MARATHON**, not a **SPRINT** . . . for **TEAM SALUTE** and our **VETS**

Team Salute has been the "Heart and Sole" of SALUTE, INC. through charity running and dedicated fundraising since the organization's early days. What started as a one-time bucket list goal by a small group of local friends has grown into a major movement propelling us toward our ongoing mission to meet the needs of injured military service members, veterans, and their families.

#### **TEAM SALUTE LEGACY RUNNERS**

(10+ Years of Contribution) Jackie Beck • Will Beiersdorf Joe Christophe • Rick Daitchman Katie De Swardt • Art Gasey • Ed Goewey Jen Lang • Chris Mahon • Thomas Ngo Lisa Norris • Jim Pedersen • Val Skinner Kirk Sullivan • Adam Thomas Since its inception nearly 2000 runners have participated with Team Salute in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon raising \$2.8 million over the years. The sell –out nature of the Chicago Marathon helps drive new runners to join our charity team but it's Team Salute's cause and camaraderie that keep runners coming back year after year. Returning runners want to share the inspiring experience and their referrals and recommendations have helped us grow into a sort of extended family that reunites every year. These reunions may occur at our Memorial Day weekend walk/run, the Chicago Marathon in October or any of the many other running events we are involved in throughout the year.





Ordinary people doing extraordinary things with determination and dedication -THAT'S TEAM SALUTE!

Every Team Salute member has a personal reason for taking on the challenge of the marathon. Here's just a sampling of some of their "stories" which demonstrate a willingness to go above and beyond:

### **1926 Runners!** 50,460+ Miles Raced

**TEAM SALUTE Chicago Marathon Teams** 



Since its inception

have raised

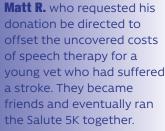
\$2.8 Million

**Eva N.** took on the challenge of running the marathon despite battling breast cancer. Sadly, Eva recently passed; however, the memory of her perseverance continues to inspire us.

Arthur G. lost 100+lbs. on his fitness journey which culminated in the marathon.







Jessica B. ran the marathon to honor her

brother's service. She didn't

let an injury stop her and

actually walked the entire

26.2 miles in a boot.

**Tom 0.** helped carry a fellow marathoner to the finish line after she was injured in the late stages of the race. This was done despite having his own arm in a sling.



## Meet our ASSOCIATE BOARD







Grace McCarthy BOARD VICE PRESIDENT BOARD VICE PRESIDENT AbbVie



Jazz Ott Slower Al Ten years ago, a group of young professionals from a variety of industries got together to support SALUTE, INC. and formed the Associate Board. Busy in their careers, the new board decided to focus on one event per year - an extraordinary party at a new trending venue in Chicago. Gathering with friends and colleagues for a night honoring and supporting injured veterans, the Board has spread our mission throughout their communities AND raised over \$500K for our veteran programs. We salute our Associate Board and thank them for their leadership and continued support!



Kellen Monti JLL



Jake Lavin Breakthru Beverage Illinois



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Interested in joining this dynamic group of charitable young people?

> Contact Colton at colton@saluteinc.org.



Jay Fabian Mountain Ridge Capital



**Emily Tam** MG Group



William Beiersdorf **WEKA** 

# **FINANCIALS**

2024 977 Vets Assisted \$935.291

# 2005 **15** Vets Assisted

#### Our Assistance Impact Provided HOUSING **EXPENSES** NSPORTATIO % **EXPENSES**

9%

SALUTE is committed to supporting military members and their families by helping to relieve the financial strain of essential living expenses during challenging times.

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### Expenses

R5% FUNDRAISING 10% MANAGEMENT 5% For 2024, we are proud to

**PROGRAMS** 

report that 85% of every dollar donated funded our programs to support injured veterans and their families.

Source: 3/31/24 Federal Tax Return

Platinum Transp 2024

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Charity : Navigator

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"Your very generous gift allowed us to be beside him throughout his journey, without worrying about our mortgage bills for a few months"

- Angelo's Parents

"Thank you so much for all your support in my recovery and for taking care of me and my family. Know that you are so appreciated and that your impact has changed my life in so many good ways."

- Angelo G.



#### **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.



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### 2025 SAVE THE DATES

FEB. 22	SALUTE, INC. Annual Fundraising Party
MAY 24	SALUTE, INC. Honor and Remember Walk
JULY 14	SALUTE, INC./PHGA GOLF FUNDRAISER
SEPT. TBD	Rosemont 5K
OCT. 12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon
NOV. TBD	Associate Board Fundraiser

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