

Concerned about financial stresses faced by WWII Airmen and their families, Army Air Corps Commanding General Henry "Hap" Arnold and his wife, Bee, found the Air Force Aid Society.



1942



1947

The U.S. Air Force becomes a separate military service.

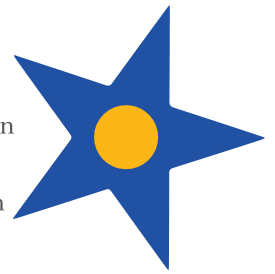
The cumulative amount of total AFAS assistance given to Airmen and their families by the year 1956 had surpassed \$15 million.



1956

1958

Boeing and Lockheed-Martin each make sizable donations to AFAS, creating a tradition of corporate support for America's Airmen.



The first Air Force Charity Ball is held at the New York Hilton hotel, raising \$90,000 for Airmen and their families.

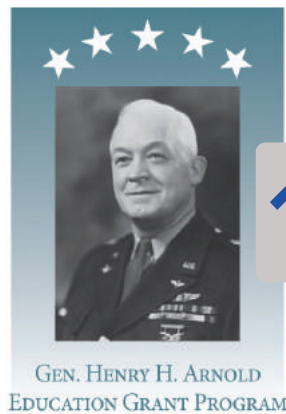
1964



By 1970, the cumulative amount of AFAS assistance given to Airmen and their families totaled more than \$54 million.

1970

The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program - a centerpiece of AFAS education support initiatives - launches. Since that first year, more than \$160 million in grant support has been awarded to date.



1988

1994



AFAS introduces the first of its popular childcare focused community programs - *Childcare for Volunteers. Give Parents a Break* would be introduced the following year, and *Child Care for PCS* would follow in 1998.

After a hiatus and championed by then Air Force Chief of Staff General John Jumper and his wife, Ellen, the Air Force Charity Ball resumes with a gala event at Bolling AFB in Washington, DC. The event continues annually today in the DC area.

2004

2008

AFAS launches its popular, no-interest Falcon Loan program to meet short-term financial needs of active duty Airmen.



2016

AFAS provides nearly \$15 million in direct assistance this year alone to support Airmen and their families. 20% of emergency assistance relief was in the form of outright grants.

2017



AFAS celebrates 75 years of helping Airmen as the official charity of the U.S. Air Force.