

**2018 ANNUAL REPORT** 



**HELPING AIRMEN**SINCE 1942



To support Airmen and enhance the Air Force mission by relieving emergency financial distress, helping Airmen's families achieve their educational goals, and improving their quality of life through proactive programs.

### **OUR VISION**

To be a charitable institution that embodies the concept of *Airmen helping Airmen* – that is embraced by Airmen and those who support Airmen.



Air Force Aid Society has been named a 4-Star Charity for four consecutive years. This is the highest rating possible by Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of charitable organizations. Air Force Aid Society received this high rating as a result of our fiscal efficiency and transparency.











The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is the official charity of the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and has been meeting the unique needs for the Total Force and their families, as well as Air Force widows and widowers since 1942. Older than the USAF itself. AFAS traces its roots back to the great five-star General Henry "Hap" and Mrs. Bee Arnold. The Arnolds envisioned an organization that embodied the ideal of Airmen helping Airmen, which still drives our mission today. On March 9, 1942, the Arnolds created Army Air Corps Relief Society. With the establishment of the USAF on September 18, 1947, the organization was renamed the Air Force Aid Society to provide financial support for the families of Airmen who lost their lives during World War II. Each year, the Society provides on average \$15-16 million in support for Air Force families through emergency assistance no-interest loans or grants; education grants, scholarships and no-interest loans; and through on-base community engagement programs. 100% of every contribution received is used to help Airmen.



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In 2018, the Air Force Aid Society responded to the needs of our Airmen rendering more than **\$21.4** million in assistance to over **37,000** Air Force families. This was a record-breaking year for the Society as we provided the largest amount of assistance in our **76-year history**.

When Hurricane Michael hit the Florida panhandle damaging Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) and the homes of our Airmen and their families, AFAS responded immediately and provided **over \$6.5 million in emergency stabilizing assistance grants** to nearly **5,000 Air Force families** over a two-week timespan.

The support and compassion we provided to our fellow Airmen are what our founders Henry "Hap" and Bee Arnold envisioned when they founded the Society - *Airmen helping Airmen*. This is the basis of our mission, and wherever our Airmen are, AFAS is ready to lend support through programs designed to ensure that Airmen remain resilient and mission focused.

This year, we also extended our reach and provided a \$1 million grant to one of our sister charities, Air Force Enlisted Village, to help with their \$3 million renovation project to update the Bob Hope Village Community Center. This facility is used for social events, fitness and wellness programs for their residents who are the surviving spouses of retired enlisted Air Force members. The community overall houses more than 430 senior residents. Helping to provide this level of support was critical to ensure that these residents, who served alongside their spouses, are being cared for later in life.

However, none of this would be possible without our generous supporters who pay it forward to allow us to continue to make a positive impact every day in the lives of our Airmen and their families. We rely on your donations and are able to take every \$1 you donate and provide \$3, thus tripling the support we provide to Air Force families. That is what makes AFAS so unique; we too are vested in the lives of our Airmen. We need your continued support to ensure that the Society will be here as long as there are Airmen dedicated to defending our freedom.

It continues to be an honor to help fulfill the mission of the Arnolds. I was privileged to wear the Air Force uniform for over 30 years, and I am honored to continue my commitment to the Air Force community in my role as a member and now President of the Board of Trustees. I serve with such a distinguished group of Air Force leaders, current and former, as well as accomplished members of the civilian community that I have the benefit of learning from each and every day.

A special thanks to retired Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper, Jr., the superb staff at AFAS headquarters and in the field at the Airmen and Family Readiness Centers (A&FRCs) for their commitment to our service members. Thank you to our colleagues at the military relief societies and the American Red Cross, who all go the extra mile to ensure that we can render assistance to Airmen, around-theworld, 24/7/365 days a year. I encourage you to also visit www.afas.org to learn more about how we're making an impact in the lives of our Airmen every day.

This year was a remarkable one of significant impact and change for the Air Force Aid Society. We accomplished a milestone in providing \$21.4 million in overall support to Airmen through our emergency assistance, education support and community programs. We were tested this year like never before when Hurricane Michael, the fourth Category 5 storm to ever make landfall, delivered a direct hit to Tyndall AFB and neighboring Panama City, FL. The Society responded with \$6.5 million in one-time \$750 and \$1,500 grants to single Airmen and families! Of course, responding to a disaster of this magnitude required a team and we had a good one.

Keep in mind this type of disaster drove mandatory evacuations, so it was only through partnerships with the Air Force Personnel Center's Airman and Family Operations Division, individual A&FRCs across 85 bases, our sister service relief society partners, and the American Red Cross, we were able to provide essential assistance to our Tyndall Airmen wherever they were. In the final analysis, we assisted **nearly 5,000 active duty, retiree, guard and reserve Airmen!** 

Last summer, we moved to our new office space in Crystal City. A special thanks to the Air Force (SAF/AA) for their support. We also welcomed new board members - Ms. Lisa Atherton, president and CEO of Textron Systems, and retired CMSgt Danny Doucette, senior instructor and executive coach for Leadership Foundry.

For the fourth consecutive year, I am happy to report that we **maintained our 4-Star Charity Navigator rating!** This is a testament of our continued strong financial health and commitment to maintaining accountability, transparency and fiscal prudence.

We continue to work to maximize our fundraising efforts each year. Through the **Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF)**, we raised **\$2.3 million** from the active duty force and retirees (refer to page 28 to see the top performing bases and project officers). **The Air Force Charity Ball** continues to be a great success and brought in an additional **\$631,000** for our Airmen. A special thanks to the Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club of DC and our generous corporate, organizational, association and individual donors for your continued support.

We continue to be honored by those that choose the Society to execute their legacy of helping Airmen. This year we received **\$2.9 million in bequest gifts** from the estates of Carol Sears and Mr. Edmund Holub.

We are thankful to have a great board of directors who continue to guide our staff to ensure that our programs and outreach efforts are evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of our Airmen and their families. A special thanks to my incredible staff at AFAS headquarters for your commitment to our Airmen and for going above and beyond the call of duty daily. We are all a part of the Air Force community and at AFAS, our goal is to continue to move our mission forward to help our Airmen whenever, wherever, and however. Helping Airmen is and will continue to be our number one priority!



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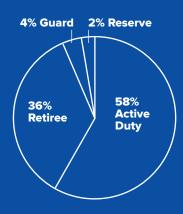


Over **\$600K** raised in Hurricane donations



Nearly **5,000** active duty, retiree, guard and reserve service members assisted







Total \$ sum of Airmen assisted by: active duty, guard, reserve and retiree











## HURRICANE MICHAEL

**Relief Efforts** 

Thousands of Air Force active duty, retirees, guard and reservists who were stationed in or near the hardest hit areas within the Florida panhandle who applied for emergency assistance, received one-time stabilizing assistance grants through the AFAS Hurricane Relief Program. Grant amounts totaled \$750 for single Airmen and \$1,500 for Airmen with families.

Through partnerships with the Air Force Personnel Center's (AFPC) Airman and Family Operations Division, the A&FRCs across 85 Air Force installations, along with other military relief societies, and the American Red Cross, AFAS was able to render essential assistance to displaced Tyndall Airmen and their families.







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- AFAS CEO, LT. GEN. JOHN D. HOPPER, JR., USAF (RET)

A grant from AFAS helps a family focus on recovery



"IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT AN ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS AIRMEN DIRECTLY, AFAS IS THE ORGANIZATION TO DONATE TO. THE ASSISTANCE AFAS PROVIDED WAS MUCH APPRECIATED AND WAS EXACTLY WHAT TYNDALL AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES NEEDED! THANK YOU!"

- COL. TIMOTHY DODGE

### REBUILDING AFTER HURRICANE MICHAEL

Prior to embarking on a 29-year journey in the U.S. Air Force, Col. Timothy Dodge learned about the Air Force through the ROTC program in college at the University of Notre Dame. Col. Dodge's long-time career has enabled him to serve as the deputy director of the Air Force Civil Engineer Center at Tyndall AFB.

"We are honored to be a part of the Air Force family," said Col. Dodge. "We embrace it. My wife Julie and I have children who have Air Force cousins whom they are much closer with than their actual biological cousins."

As a young Lieutenant, Col. Dodge heard about Air Force Aid Society through the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. He had always donated, but never imagined that he too would need assistance one day. Col. Dodge was stationed at Tyndall AFB living in Panama City when Hurricane Michael devastated the area. After receiving evacuation orders, the Dodges left on October 8, 2018, two days before the hurricane made landfall. Since that day, the Dodges have not been able to return home and have moved a total of nine times.

"Hurricane Michael was like no other event we have ever been through," said Julie. "Like most people, we have watched other disasters and felt for other people, but no amount of empathy can prepare you for living through the devastation, clean up, and working through the recovery which is an ongoing process," she explains. The Dodges received a \$1,500 grant as part of \$6.5 million that AFAS provided in hurricane relief to assist Airmen impacted by Hurricane Michael. The grant came in handy for the family because they were able to use the funds to pay for hotel bills, condo rental fees, buy food and gas to reach their initial evacuation location.

For the Dodges, the support they received from AFAS gave them hope to get through the stressful hurricane disaster period.

"We are doing better. I don't think great since our house is still down to the studs, but each day things are getting better," said Julie. "We are renting an apartment closer to base until our home is livable, but I'm glad my husband can go to work versus telecommuting or driving three hours round trip. I can also get back involved with the spouses' club. Having my friends and support system is huge," remarked Julie who currently serves as the president of the Tyndall Spouses' Club.

During the hurricane period, the Dodges said that AFAS made the entire application process relatively easy for Air Force families to receive the grant assistance.



A grant from AFAS after Hurricane Michael gives one family hope

### "WITHOUT YOU, WE WOULD NOT HAVE FOUND THE HOPE TO FORGE AHEAD AND KEEP PUSHING TO RECOVERY."

- MSGT JASON & CHRISTY LINGENFELTER

### **RIDING OUT THE STORM**

Retired Master Sergeant Jason Lingenfelter and his wife Air Force Veteran Christy Lingenfelter both joined the U.S. Air Force under the Delayed Enlistment Program during their junior year of high school, enlisting in 1993 right after graduation.

By joining the Air Force, MSgt Lingenfelter was able to serve his country while being the first member of his family to travel outside the United States. For his wife, joining was a way to carry on her family's military lineage that went back to her grandfather's World War II service years. They both agree the Air Force gave them a life of adventure, new experiences, and lifelong friends who they consider family.

With 33 years of combined service between them, the Lingenfelters donated to the Air Force Aid Society for many years, never thinking they would need it for themselves someday. In 2018, Hurricane Michael changed that completely.

For the two days before the historic hurricane made landfall, the couple helped evacuate the residents at Tyndall AFB. When the Lingenfelters tried to evacuate to nearby Dothan, AL, there was no housing left. Exhausted, they returned to their home in the early hours of October 10, 2018, not wanting to be on the roads when the hurricane hit.

As Michael moved across the panhandle, the Lingenfelters watched the trees being whipped around by the wind before losing power. At 2 p.m., a tree from their neighbor's yard fell on their roof, creating a two-foot hole in their son's bedroom. The roof began to fail where shingles were ripped off by the wind, the garage ceiling caved in on top of a car, and the ceiling collapsed in their daughter's room. "We were holding the doors shut with all our might to keep the poltergeist on the other side from coming in," Christy vividly recalls.



To describe in a few words what it felt like to live through one of the strongest hurricanes to hit the U.S. is virtually impossible for the Lingenfelters. "Our ears popped with the pressure change in the house. Water was pouring in all the light fixtures, ceiling vents, and electrical outlets. We were using bowls, pots, pans, and towels to try and contain the water as best we could," they describe.

When Michael finally passed, the family went outside to assess the damage. What they saw was devastating. "Hurricane Michael tore through our community like a spinning wrecking ball. I can only equate it to an atomic bomb going off over the course of three hours," Christy recounts.

"We drove an hour and a half to Eglin AFB to receive the \$1,500 grant check, and we were so excited how easy it was," Christy says. They bought several tarps, roofing, hammers, and nails so they could patch up the roof themselves until it could be permanently repaired.

The Lingenfelters have never been more grateful for their Air Force family. "Without you, we would not have found the hope to forge ahead and keep pushing to recovery." Paying it forward, MSgt Lingenfelter says he and his family have chosen to stay in the area to support their military and local community, positive that both Tyndall and the community will recover.



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of our founder, General Henry "Hap" Arnold.

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### THE AFAS NETWORK

### **Ensuring Airmen Worldwide Access to Society Programs**

Air Force Aid Society is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. Operating with an efficient staff of 19 allows the Society to keep overhead expenses low and ensures that 100 percent of individual donations are used to help Air Force families. For every \$1 donated, AFAS provides \$3 in support to Airmen.

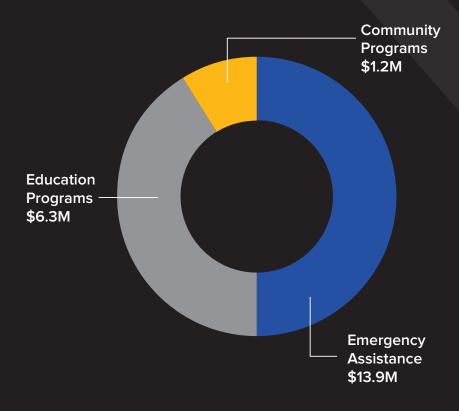
Airman and Family Readiness Centers around the world are home to base level AFAS sections. Community Readiness Consultants and Technicians in those A&FRCs oversee AFAS programs at a base level, disbursing emergency assistance loans and grants, as well as providing AFAS on-base community programs. These base level AFAS representatives are invaluable to our mission-driven focus.

In the event there is no Air Force base in your area, AFAS maintains cross-servicing agreements with **Army Emergency Relief, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance**, and the **American Red Cross**. These partnerships make it possible for military members of all services to receive emergency assistance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Because of these partnerships, we are – quite literally – always there for our Airmen.

Other important partners helping us help Airmen include: **Air Force Wounded Warrior Program** and the **Air Force Association**, which collaborate with the Society to support wounded Airmen; **Carlson Wagonlit Travel**, which provides Airmen and their families with low-cost electronic ticketing for emergency travel; and the **Fisher House**, which provides housing built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers.



### **AFAS Mission Priorities**



### **MISSION IMPACT**

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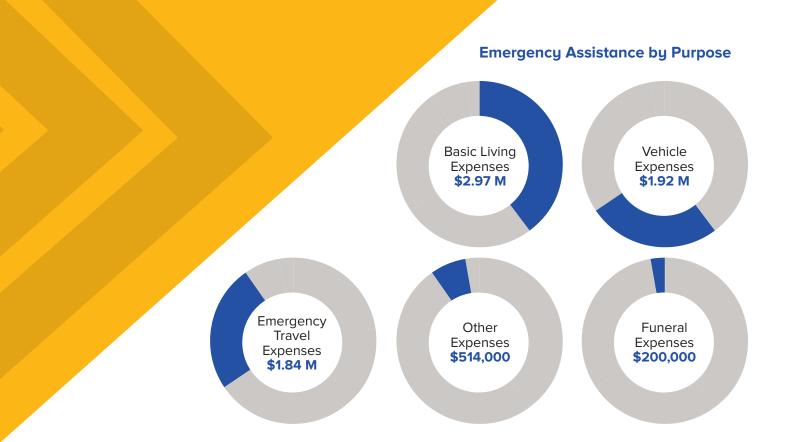
Air Force families received help through emergency financial assistance, education support and AFAS-sponsored community enhancement programs – the Society's three mission priorities.

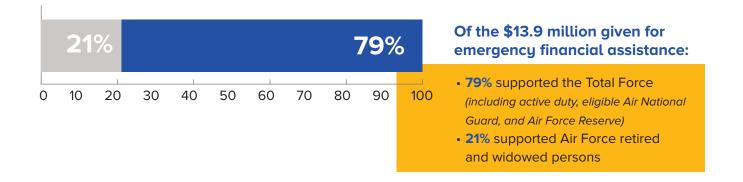


### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

When unexpected emergencies arise, AFAS provides no-interest loans and grants to help Air Force families meet immediate needs and make a positive step towards a lasting financial solution.

In 2018, \$13.9 million is emergency assistance was provided to Airmen and their families worldwide - \$6.5 million in Hurricane Assistance Grants, \$6.2 million in no-interest loans and \$1.2 million in grants totaling 8,740 assists.









AFAS helps one Airman through daughter's recovery

# A LIFE INTERRUPTED

Master Sergeant John Bartlow retired in March of this year after serving for 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. Coming from two generations of Airmen, he joined to serve his country and to follow in his father and grandfather's footsteps. Being an Airman allowed MSgt Bartlow and his family to travel the world before his last duty station in Utah.

It was in December 2017 at Hill Air Force Base that he and his wife Jennifer received news that no parents want to receive. Their 18-year-old daughter Ellie had been brutally attacked and was fighting for her life in a hospital in Kansas after suffering a serious brain injury.

When Ellie was stable enough, the Bartlows paid for a medical transport to bring her to Salt Lake City so they could help her through recovery. That was the first of many major expenses for the family. With Ellie confined to a wheelchair and severely disabled, the Bartlows needed to make modifications to their home when she was ready to leave her long-term care facility. They also hoped to purchase a much-needed therapy bike that would help prevent blood clots and strengthen Ellie's arms and legs. However, the \$4,000 bike was not covered by their insurance, and with so many other expenses, MSqt Bartlow didn't know how he would pay for it. MSgt Bartlow's commanding officer suggested he contact the Air Force Aid Society for assistance. Not expecting he would be eligible due to his rank and feeling like he should have been more prepared financially, MSgt Bartlow was shocked at the grant from AFAS that covered the entire

# "THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS IN WHO CAN BE HELPED. THE DONATIONS AIRMEN RECEIVE HELP KEEP THE AIR FORCE FAMILY GOING."

- MSGT JOHN BARTLOW

cost of the bike. "It was phenomenal. It's not something you expect or even think is possible," MSgt Bartlow said.

For an Airman like MSgt Bartlow who was accustomed to providing for his family, Ellie's medical situation and her care had become physically and emotionally exhausting. The grant allowed him to concentrate on his job and daily duties, as one small burden was lifted from his shoulders.

Today, Ellie is making improvements that her doctors never expected. She recently held her head up on her own, she stood up on her own, and she's rebuilding some of the muscle that she had developed from being an active and athletic teenager.

The Bartlows are thankful for every day they have with their daughter and for the generous support they have received. "The grant from AFAS is more than just financial. There is an emotional component. We got a piece of our daughter back," Jennifer explained. With each improvement, they see Ellie take one step closer to returning to the young woman they knew before the attack. "You can't put a price on that."

Realizing that nobody could have financially prepared for this type of tragedy, the help from fellow Airmen lifted a burden during a difficult time, and for that, the Bartlows are forever grateful.

# A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE

More than \$108,000 in assistance

was provided exclusively to aid 88 Air Force Wounded Warriors. Of that 94% was in the form of grants.

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Master Sergeant Kenneth Guinn joined the U.S. Air Force in 2004 as a way to serve his country and to honor his family's tradition, with both his father and grandfather having served during wartime. After suffering two injuries, one while deployed in Afghanistan, doctors determined that he would need reconstructive surgery on both knees and told him he would probably never run again. MSgt Guinn had a difficult, painful, and long recovery process over the course of several years. His recovery and life

Air Force Trials each year held at Nellis AFB. Never thinking he was one who needed help, MSgt Guinn always wanted to handle things himself rather than accepting assistance.

"But after dealing with the devastation of Hurricane Michael, I've learned that it's okay to receive help. It's nice to know that there is an agency out there willing to help you when you're recovering with just daily life,"





changed when he learned of the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program (AFW2) and the Warrior Games.

Founded in 2010 by the Department of Defense, the Warrior Games are designed to introduce wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans to Paralympic-style sports. The AFW2 Team is a mixture of active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Air Force veterans who compete in the games. With a renewed motivation and a goal to succeed, MSgt Guinn focused his efforts on competing during the Air Force Trials to make the Air Force Team for the Department of Defense Warrior Games. He succeeded to advance to the Invictus Games, representing Team USA in 2018.

"I really enjoy sports. They definitely helped me through my recovery and my rehab, and gave me motivation, and a sense of being part of a team again. So, to be selected for the Invictus team was unreal," said MSgt Guinn.

The Air Force Aid Society supports the AFW2 program, wounded warriors, their families and caregivers through their programs but also is a sponsor of the

MSgtGuinn says of the support from AFAS. He adds, "It doesn't need to be some sort of catastrophic event to receive aid from the Air Force Aid Society."

According to MSgt Guinn, the impact of the AFAS assistance is not just a quick, one-time hit. Rather, he explains it's "deep, reaching, and long-lasting."

He believes this is what wounded Airmen need to maintain a positive outlook. For him, AFAS reinforces the notion of Airman for Life. "If an Airman falls on hard times today, tomorrow, or years from now, the Society is there," he explains.

MSgt Guinn considers himself to be a well-rounded athlete, but he is more known for track, holding four of the five records at the Warrior Games. He also competes in field, recurve archery, powerlifting (where he also holds a record), sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, and shooting.

### **EDUCATION SUPPORT**

Higher Education is a key to advancement and future success. Dependent children and spouses of active duty and retired Airmen can work toward their dreams of a college degree with AFAS education grants, scholarships and loans.

In 2018, **\$6.3** million in total Education Support was provided to dependent children and spouses.



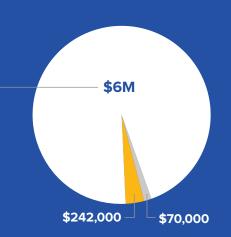


**\$6M Gen. H.H. Arnold Education Grants** 2,499 grants ranging from \$500 to \$4,000 for dependent children and spouses

**\$70,000 Supplemental Education Loans**60 families received no interest loans to help
pay for incidental college expenses

### \$242,000 Merit Scholarships

- 57 dependent children earned Merit Scholarships
- 40 earned \$5,000 scholarships
- 17 earned \$2,500 scholarships



### GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

also known as Hap Arnold Grants is the centerpiece of the Society's education support initiatives. The grants are awarded to eligible, qualifying Air Force dependents (spouses & children). The selection criteria is uniquely tailored to recognize the proper weighing of family income and education costs. The Arnold Education Grants range from \$500 to \$4,000, with specific amount awarded based upon a student's individual level of financial need.

For academic year 2018-2019, AFAS awarded \$6 million in Arnold Education Grants to 2,499 dependent scholars.

### AFAS MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year AFAS awards a number of merit-based scholarships as a complement to the needs-based support allocated through the Arnold Education Grants program. Incoming college freshmen being considered for the Arnold Education Grant who exhibit the highest levels of scholastic achievement will be invited to apply for an AFAS Merit Scholarship. Applicants will be selected based on cumulative GPA, high school transcripts, and an essay written on a specified topic.

For academic year 2018-2019, AFAS awarded \$242,000 in Merit Scholarships to 57 Air Force dependent scholars.

### AFAS SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN PROGRAM

Scholarships and grants don't pay for everything. Air Force Aid Society offers the no-interest Supplemental Education Loan to help. Active duty, active guard/reserve, retired and retired reserve Air Force families whose financial need has been established through the Arnold Education Grant application process are eligible.

For academic year 2018-2019, AFAS provided 60 families with Supplemental Education Loans totaling \$70,000.

### \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A total of 40 outstanding incoming freshmen students were selected to receive \$5,000 Merit Scholarships.



**Zachary Childs** Florida State University



Shannon Clark Lee University



Jarrell Cooper University of Maryland, College Park



**Alison Day** Brigham Young **University** 



Matthew Eck University of Southern California



**Zachary Feldt** Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University



Christina Hardin Liberty University



**Braden** Hoagland University of Virginia - SFS



Caitlin **McCracken** Keene State College



Mary Sebastian Bowling Green State University



**Arianna Sidwell** Texas A&M University



**Matthew Smith** Texas A&M University



Elijah Suh Harvard University Harvard College



**Devin Tinder** University of Arizona



Madison Williams George Washington University



Ryan Block University of Colorado-Boulder



**Paris Kemeny** University of Florida



Samuel Miller University of Dayton



Megan Wlodarczyk Colorado State University



**Thomas Baker** University of North Alabama



**Melenis Buckley** Bethany Global University



Rebecca Burns Midwestern State University



Jessica Davis Mississippi State University



Jonas Faaborg James Madison University



Tyler Fournier University of South Carolina



Jai'anna Gonzales **Emerson College** 



**Kiara Guyton** University of Pennsylvánia



**Zachary Harris** University of Oklahoma



Lauryn Hooker University of Mississippi



**Madelyn Huston** Troy University



**Drew Lynch** Southeast Missouri State University



**Conlan Martin** N. Carolina State University-Raleigh



Reese Neal University of North Texa



Jenna Odell University of California (ÚCLA)



**Emily O'Malley** Rollins College



**Grace Pasco** Lafayette College



Sarah Richardson University Of Houston



**Donovan Wright Boise State** University



Kyra Zablotsky California Maritime Academy



Jacob Zink University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

### \$2.500 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The availability of funding in 2018 allowed AFAS to award an additional \$2,500 in Merit Scholarships to these 17 students to be used for the Spring 2018 semester.

Bailey Albright, University of Alabama Meredith Anderson, Brigham Young University Nathaniel Bunnell, University of Colorado -Boulder

Cameron Burton, University of Nebraska -Omaha

Patrick Culcasi, Northeastern University

Emily DePersio, University of Mary Washington Andrew Greene, Wake Forest University Allyson Hardin, Liberty University Corinne Lavin, University of South Carolina Leilani Mason, Towson University Sara Morton, Auburn University Grace Ojala, Michigan Technological University Alexus Rhodes, University of Florida Brianna Rogers, Louisiana State University

& A&M College Valencia Shuler, Rice University

Spiro Anthony Stathas, College of The Holy Cross

Joshua Sterling, Missouri University of Science & Technology

AFAS education grants provide a sense of relief for a family of eight



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- BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL GREINER

## **BRIDGING THE GAP**



Brigadier General Michael Greiner, the oldest of three kids, was exposed to the military early in his life. His father served in the U.S. Army and did a tour of duty in Korea. When his high school guidance counselor

suggested the U.S. Air Force as an option to help pay for college, he applied to the ROTC program at the University of Portland (UP) and was awarded an Air Force scholarship. It was there at UP he was commissioned as an officer into the USAF.

"I didn't know how long I would stay," said Brig. Gen. Greiner. "The Air Force has been a great opportunity and has given me a chance to lead. It's been a rewarding 26-year career for me and my family."

Brig. Gen. Greiner credits the military for providing unique opportunities for his career that have come with tremendous responsibility. He has served in operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Unified Response, and Freedom's Sentinel.

"When we come together, we are very strong. We have a very focused mission, we serve our nation when they need us most," remarked Brig. Gen. Greiner.

It was as a squadron commander that he became more familiar with Air Force Aid Society. He donated to AFAS each year and mentioned the Society as a resource to help his fellow Airmen. It wasn't until his daughter was looking for scholarships for college that he too decided to do more research on AFAS to find out more about the

educational grants and scholarships his daughter could possibly receive.

"Like most families, we have to look for other avenues and resources for financing our children's education. It's especially challenging on a family when you have multiple kids in college at the same time as my wife and I have," said Brig. Gen. Greiner.

Fast forward years later, Brig. Gen. Greiner's daughter has received the AFAS General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant for three years and his son, who recently entered college, is also receiving the grant. For the Greiners, this type of assistance has been welcomed considering they have six children and have started researching grant and scholarships for their third child who is now in high school.

"As a Brig. Gen., folks assume I should be able to pay for all of my children to attend college. The reality is, I have six children. They all have dreams. And my wife and I want to help them to achieve their dreams," he shares.

The financial assistance AFAS provided has helped to relieve the Greiner family's anxiety and stress of worrying about how to pay for their children's college education.

"The AFAS grants we have received have been significant, it's helped to bridge the financial gap for us," confides Brig. Gen. Greiner.

He added, "Air Force Aid Society cares about our Airmen and is genuinely interested in helping our Airmen and their families succeed. The support we received has truly been a blessing."

AFAS Hap Arnold Grant helps one recipient pursue a career in foreign service

## PERSEVERANCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

Getting a college degree can be expensive and strenuous, particularly when your parents are retired, recalls former Ambassador Leslie V. Rowe (Ret). Leslie's father, Senior Master Sergeant John Leslie Rowe left the U.S. Air Force during her senior year of high school, after suffering a stroke a year prior.

Fortunately, with the help of the Air Force Aid Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant, Ambassador Rowe was able to pursue her undergraduate education at Washington State University (WSU).

"Without the assistance I received from the Society, it would have been extremely difficult for me to attend Washington State University. The grant I received was a stepping stone that paved the way for me to go even farther in pursuing my long-term career goals," she said.



Ambassador Rowe received the Hap Arnold grant assistance for three consecutive years at WSU. During her last year at WSU, she did not apply for assistance because she received a full scholarship to study abroad in Paris as one of only two exchange students. Not only did the educational support Leslie received from AFAS enable her to complete her studies, but it also compelled her to give back to her country globally by pursuing a career in foreign service.

"After college, I went on to join the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer," said Ambassador Rowe. "I was a diplomat for 31 years and served as U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique from 2009 to 2012 and prior to that Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and

Vanuatu in 2006 through 2009," she added. Ambassador Rowe grew up in the State of Washington where she received a B.A. from Washington State University, an M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and an M.Ed. from Northeastern University. She studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, and was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she was Director of the International Office at Tufts University. As a Foreign Service Officer, Ambassador Rowe has served in a number of positions at posts throughout the globe. She served as Deputy Chief of Mission, from 2003 to 2006, at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, the largest U.S. Embassy in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Ambassador Rowe's career in foreign service enabled her to work with all branches of the military on humanitarian and security projects. "I am proud to be an Air Force brat and credit my experience living in England and Turkey where my dad had assignments to my decision to become a diplomat," she explains.

Ambassador Rowe encourages others to give back to the Society to help Air Force families like hers.

"The support I received from AFAS's General Hap Arnold grant for my education led me to become a diplomat," she said. "During my career, I worked with the U.S. military around the world on humanitarian and educational projects. Your gifts to the Society have a lasting impact and changes lives. It changed mine."

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### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

AFAS understands the challenges that come with active duty Air Force life, from deployments to PCS orders, and offers targeted community enhancement programs to help make everyday life on base a little easier.

In 2018, AFAS provided nearly \$1.2 million in community enhancement programs at Air Force base installations around the world.



### **GIVE PARENTS A BREAK**

Air Force bases offered a collective \$328,000 for stress relieving child care.

### **CHILD CARE FOR PCS**

\$186,000 of care provided for families relocating on Permanent Change of Station or Retirement orders.

### CHILD CARE FOR VOLUNTEERS

\$26,000 was provided to Air Force base community volunteers, including Air Force key spouse initial training participants.



### CAR CARE BECAUSE WE CARE

\$110,000 provided 2,559 preventive vehicle maintenance check-ups for spouses of deployed members, as well as first-term Airmen (E4 and below) who attended a financial counseling session.





### **BUNDLES FOR BABIES**

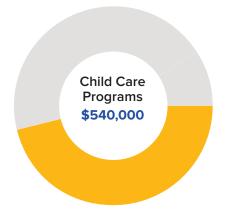
\$189,000 worth of gifts were provided to expectant Air Force families completing parenting and budgeting classes.

### **SPOUSE ORIENTATION**

\$49,000 was distributed to Air Force bases in support of the USAF Heart Link spouse orientation program.

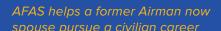
### LOCAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

60 Air Force bases took advantage of a collective \$324,000 to fund entrylevel job training for Air Force spouses that can lead to immediate and viable employment opportunities.



Readiness Programs \$110,000







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- AIR FORCE VETERAN AND SPOUSE, CALLIE SMITH

### **OPENING NEW DOORS**

With a love for her country and the liberties we are afforded because of the men and women who serve to protect us, Callie Smith joined the Air Force in 2015. After three years of service, Callie separated as a Senior Airman while her husband Senior Airman Joshua Smith is still serving on active duty. Callie appreciated the many people she met and that she was forced to live outside of her comfort zone as an enlisted Airman.

When Callie separated from the U.S. Air Force, she wanted to pursue medicine and looked at the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) program. Not wanting to add a financial strain to the family while living off of her husband's income, Callie wasn't sure how she would pay for the course. Until one day, her husband called to tell her that the Air Force Aid Society was offering to pay for 15 spouses to go through the EMT course Callie was considering. She immediately called the Airman and Family Readiness Center and applied just in time; Callie was the last person accepted.

The assistance from AFAS motivated Callie to work and study hard. "I knew failing wasn't an option. I didn't want to take the opportunity from

someone else and not come out of the course as a certified EMT," Callie explained. "My only job at the time was to pass the course, and I did!"

While going through the course, Callie decided she wanted to become a paramedic. She passed the National Registry test on her first try, allowing her to apply for paramedic school. "This opportunity opened so many doors for me, which will provide my family with a better life," says Callie.

Callie is "eternally grateful" for AFAS and the opportunities it provides to Airmen and their families. "They allow civilian spouses and spouses who have recently separated the opportunity to start a career and not have to worry about the financial hardship that comes along with it."

It is through the donations of generous individuals that allowed Callie and many others to start a career without the financial burden that often comes with education. "You have helped my family tremendously," she says to these individuals, "and a simple 'thank you' will never be enough."

# NOT JUST FOR EMERGENCIES



"THE CREATION OF LIZ VAN DEN BERG, LLC WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE KICKSTART THAT AFAS PROVIDED ME!"

- AIR FORCE SPOUSE, LIZ VAN DEN BERG



For Master Sergeant David Van Den Berg, joining the U.S. Air Force out of high school was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him to travel the world. Over the years, he and his wife, Liz have found so much more.

MSgt Van Den Berg lost his mother at a very young age. "Whatever was miss-

ing for David at home, connection, belonging, safety, he has found in the Air Force," says Liz. "He found his true family."

Now almost 15 years later, Liz agrees she loves nothing more than being a part of the USAF family and a military spouse.

When the Van Den Bergs welcomed their baby, David "D3" Randall, Liz left her special education teaching job to be a stay-at-home mom to D3. Grateful for the chance to be at home with their son, Liz also had a desire to keep learning new things.

It was a Facebook post about a free LEAN class from the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, WA, that piqued Liz's curiosity. The class was sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society as a way to offer continuing education for Airmen and their families.

"The LEAN course afforded me the opportunity to take small motherhood breaks and reconnect with my passion of learning," remarks Liz. "The instructor even tailored the course on process improvements to many mothers taking it, and applied concepts of making a factory function efficiently to making their homes and schedules more efficient."

The course didn't just teach Liz how to do things; it gave her more confidence in her abilities, leading her to start her own consulting business as a private contractor. It wasn't long before the Spokane Building Owners and Managers Association hired Liz as their association executive. Handling their finances, events, membership, and marketing, Liz is able to work from home to be with D3 while also providing financially for her family.

The Air Force has given the Van Den Berg's many things – from family to a sense of purpose, and now, a new career thanks to the Society.

"Air Force Aid Society does more than help those who are in emergency situations," Liz remarks. "Their education support and community programs are resources for everyone. The creation of Liz Van Den Berg, LLC would not have happened without the kickstart that AFAS provided me!"

For all of this, the Van Den Bergs are "forever grateful" to both the Air Force and AFAS.

### **Condensed Financials**

Statements of Financial Position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017		
Assets				
Cash & equivalents	\$ 1,156,568	\$ 2,100,252		
Emergency assistance and education				
loans receivable, net	3,951,499	3,752,994		
Investments:				
Equity investments	86,379,253	110,238,444		
Fixed income investments	36,045,639	39,607,051		
Alternative investment funds	60,264,176	50,134,558		
Money market funds	469,932	435,190		
Total investments	182,159,000	200,415,243		
Donations receivable	81,958	75,929		
Property & equipment	493,189	737,367		
Other assets	207,764	143,518		
Total assets	\$ 189,049,978	\$ 207,225,303		
Liabilities and net assets				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,160,730	\$ 1,201,614		
Net Assets:				
Net Assets without donor restrictions	184,689,753	203,656,963		
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	2,199,495	2,366,726		
Total Net assets	186,889,248			
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 189,049,978	\$ 207,225,303		

The information above is extracted from our audited financial statements, which are audited by an independent audit firm. The final audit report will be made available on our web site at **www.afas.org**.

### **Condensed Financials**

Statements of Activities as of December 31, 2018 and 2017

		2018	2017
Operating revenues			
Contributions 1	\$	7,530,921	\$ 5,054,278
Investment return designated for operations <sup>2</sup>		9,626,300	8,942,800
Other revenue		1,627	6,083
Total operating revenues		17,158,848	14,003,161
Expenses			
Program services: 3			
Emergency assistance <sup>4</sup>		9,366,123	3,169,894
Educational assistance		6,591,685	6,319,192
Community enhancement		2,481,946	1,536,734
Total program services expenses		18,439,754	11,025,820
Supporting services <sup>5</sup>		2,104,029	1,988,616
Total operating expenses		20,543,783	13,014,436
Change in net assets from operation	าร	(3,384,935)	988,725
Non-operating activities:			
Investment return in excess (deficit) of amount			
designated for current operations		(15,749,506)	17,852,154
Change in total net assets		(19,134,441)	18,840,879
Beginning net assets	2	06,023,689	187,182,810
Ending net assets	\$ ′	186,889,248	\$ 206,023,689

### Notes:

- 1. The Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) contributions were \$2.3 million in 2018 and \$2.7 million in 2017.
- 2. The Society follows a spending guideline based on a 36-month moving average of the investment portfolio's market value. The spending guideline, which was set by the Finance Committee at 5.18% in 2018 and 4.87% in 2017, provides the basis for yearly investment returns designated for operations.
- 3. Program services expenses are reported on a functional basis. Certain costs have been allocated between programs and supporting services based on the percent of time an employee works on specific programs.
- 4. Emergency assistance expenses exclude loans receivable, which flow through the Statements of Financial Position.
- 5. Supporting service expenses consist of management, general operating costs, and fundraising expenses.

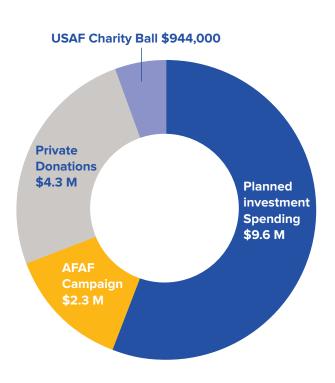
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### **2018 FUNDING SOURCES**

The Air Force Aid Society relies on two main sources of revenue to fund our programs and operating expenses – market-driven returns on our investments and donations.

### **INVESTMENTS**

As the chart below reflects, AFAS utilizes returns from its investment portfolio to bridge the gap between donations raised and program expenses funded. As a result, 100 percent of individual charitable donations can be used directly on mission-focused programs to help Airmen and their families. The investment portfolio is managed by the Society's Finance Committee and headquarters staff, with advice provided by outside investment professionals. These funds ensure the Society will be able to assist Airmen and their families far into the future and allow for substantial support in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. During 2018, the Society was able to provide \$6.5 million in unbudgeted emergency support to Airmen affected by Hurricane Michael, by pulling additional funds in excess of the \$9.6 million mentioned below. 2018 was also a tough year for the portfolio performance-wise as a poor 4th quarter resulted in a \$6.1 million loss for the year. The value of the portfolio dropped to \$183.2 million as of December 31, 2018. Every \$1 million of program funding requires \$17 million in investments, earning 6 percent annually.



### **AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND**

The U.S. Air Force administers an annual Air Force-wide fund drive to benefit four important Air Force charities, AFAS being key among them. In 2018, the AFAF campaign raised a total of \$2.3 million for AFAS. The AFAF campaign truly demonstrates the *Airmen helping Airmen* philosophy that the Society was founded on.

### AIR FORCE CHARITY BALL

The Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club of DC holds an annual Ball benefitting AFAS. The 2018 Charity Ball raised almost \$944,000, resulting in a net gift of nearly \$631,000 to AFAS.

### **PRIVATE DONATIONS**

In addition to our two main fundraising activities – AFAF and the Air Force Charity Ball, AFAS also solicits funds from other sources. In 2018, \$4.3 million in donations were received from other organizations and individuals to include estate bequests. This includes over \$600,000 given by donors to help support AFAS Hurricane Michael efforts.











### **2018 AIR FORCE CHARITY BALL**

The 2018 Air Force Charity Ball benefitting the Air Force Aid Society raised nearly \$631,000 net profit to help Airmen and their families. We are deeply grateful to the Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club of DC Charity Ball Committee for their countless volunteer hours and months of planning to make this event such a wonderful success.

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### **Air Force Aid Society Supporters**

Every day, Air Force Aid Society is working to improve the lives of Airmen and their families. The AFAS mission depends on support from the Air Force community, individual donors and industry partners. The Society believes it is important to acknowledge and thank those who have demonstrated an expression of support. The following list includes gifts of \$250 or greater made between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. While space does not allow for inclusion of every donor, all gifts are essential and appreciated.

Great care has been taken in preparing these lists. If a name has been misspelled or omitted, please bring it to our attention.

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Pictured: SMSgt Wade Register; William A. D'Avanzo, AF Fundraising Chief; and SSgt Dominque Lockley

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Recently, a donor who wishes to remain anonymous established two endowed scholarships to support training opportunities and educational programs of Airmen's spouses and children through AFAS. This donor's career led her to work with Airmen in the USAF. Because of this, she became a good friend and a trusted colleague of a USAF officer, and she has been a long-time friend of another general, both of whom are the named honorees of the scholarship funds.

The two officers have been inspirational figures to the donor, and they set the example of how to serve selflessly with humility. It is out of her deep respect and admiration for the two officers that she set up the scholarships.

The Society's mission to provide educational support to Airmen's families aligned with the donor's professional background and personal philosophy and values, making AFAS a natural fit for her

philanthropy. She hopes that the scholarships will allow current, retired and future Airmen's families to pursue educational goals that will benefit themselves as well as the USAF.

The endowment will have an intergenerational impact on the Society's ability to continue its *Airmen helping Airmen* mission. It also creates a lasting legacy for two men who joined the USAF with a common goal of serving their country. Their service will be an inspiration to future generations of scholars, while also acting as a reminder that selfless service and sacrifices are appreciated and remembered for life.

Hoping others will follow in the footsteps of these officers, of serving selflessly and humbly for a cause that is greater than one individual, the donor proudly supports AFAS so that she may express her appreciation to her long-time friends.







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