



HELPING AIRMEN SINCE 1942



1942

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



1947

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



1956

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

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



GEN. HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

1988

The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program - a centerpiece of AFAS education support initiatives - launches. Since that first year, millions in grant support have been awarded to date.

1970



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

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

1994

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



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.

2008

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



2018

\$214 million in direct assistance was provided to Airmen and their families with \$6.5 million in Hurricane Michael relief.

2017



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



2020

AFAS provided 12.5 million in direct support to Airmen, Guardians, and their families. Also, AFAS rendered over \$2 million in Covid assistance to Air Force and Space Force families.

2019



AFAS provided \$14.4 million in direct support to Airmen and their families. Of this, 93% in emergency financial assistance was provided to the Total Force (Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen) and 7% went to help Air Force retired and widowed.