



HELPING AIRMEN & GUARDIANS SINCE 1942



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

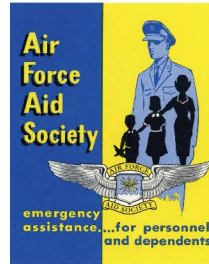
1947



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

1958

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



1970



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.

1994



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

2008



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

2017

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.



2019



AFAS provided \$13.5 million in direct support to Airmen, Guardians, and their families. This included \$1 million in disaster relief assistance.

2021

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.

1956

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



1964

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



1988



GEN. HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

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.

2004

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.



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.

2018

\$21.4 million in direct assistance was provided to Airmen and their families with \$6.5 million in Hurricane Michael relief.



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.

2022

AFAS provided \$12.5 million in direct support to Air Force & Space Force families. Of this, 97% in emergency financial assistance was provided to the Total Force (Active Duty, Guard & Reserve Airmen & Guardians) and 3% to retirees & widows.

