

HELPING AIRMEN & GUARDIANS WHEN THEY NEED US MOST

Our Case for Your Support



OUR VALUES

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Do Right

We focus on trust, integrity, accountability, and transparency with every interaction.

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Win Together

We fulfill our purpose, together.

3

People First

We take care of every individual with empathy and compassion.

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Own It

We are committed and invested to what we do and those we serve.

OUR LEGACY OF SERVICE

For over eight decades, the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) has taken care of our own. As an official charity of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force, AFAS provides a support community where those who are called to serve can achieve and sustain financial stability. Each year over **17,000 Airmen, Guardians, and their families** rely on AFAS for support and assistance as they navigate military life. While much has changed over the last 80 years, our mission remains the same: **To help Airmen and Guardians when they need us most.**

Older than the U.S. Air Force itself, AFAS traces its roots back to **five-star General Henry “Hap”** and Mrs. Bee Arnold. The two envisioned an organization that embodied the ideal of **Airmen helping Airmen**, which still drives our mission today. In 1942, the Arnolds created the Army Air Corps Relief Society to provide critical help for the post-war health of Airmen and their families. After the establishment of the U.S. Air Force in 1947, the organization was later renamed the Air Force Aid Society and worked to provide financial support for the families of Airmen who lost their lives during World War II.

AFAS provides support for Air Force and Space Force families through **emergency assistance, education support, disaster relief grants, and community programs. Relief is available 24/7 to eligible service members 365 days a year** with applications through the AFAS website.



“As long as there is a need, the Air Force Aid Society will continue to be here: supporting, empowering, and equipping the men and women who so bravely serve our country and safeguard our cherished freedoms. We look forward to serving our Airmen and Guardians for another eighty years, and beyond.”

— **KALETH O. WRIGHT**
Chief Executive Officer, 18th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (Ret)

MISSION PRIORITIES

HOW WE HELP AIRMEN & GUARDIANS

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

When unexpected emergencies arise, AFAS provides no-interest loans and grants to Air Force and Space Force families. These financial assistance programs help meet immediate financial needs—such as basic living expenses, emergency travel, child care, and medical expenses—and help make a positive step toward a lasting financial solution. AFAS also equips referring leaders to counsel their Airmen and Guardians on the support options available to them.

- Standard Assistance
- Falcon Loans



EDUCATION SUPPORT

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

- General H. Arnold Education Grant
- AFAS Merit Scholarship
- Columbia Southern University Scholarship
- AFAS Supplement Education Loan Program



DISASTER RELIEF

During catastrophic natural events, AFAS renders disaster relief assistance to Airmen, Guardians, and their families in need. We closely monitor the situation for service members in areas directly affected by hurricanes, winter storms, and other natural disasters, to identify opportunities to expand services and support for the Total Force.

- Support during evacuations
- Support during aftermath and recovery



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

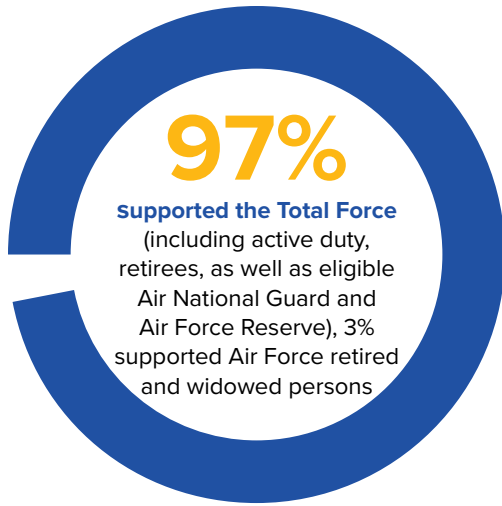
AFAS understands the challenges that come with active-duty military life, from deployments to PCS orders, and offers targeted community programs to help make things like child care, car upkeep, spouse employment education, and everyday life on base a little easier.

- Bundles for Babies
- Child Care Programs
- Spouse Employment Program



TAKING COMMAND

In 2022, AFAS provided \$13 million in direct assistance to over 17,000 Airmen, Guardians, and their families.

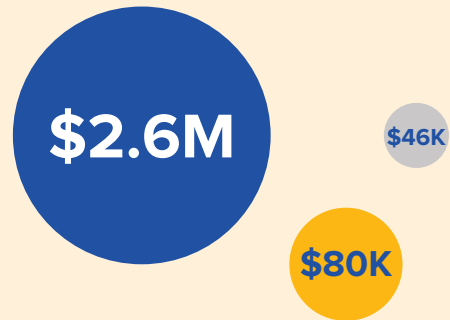


COMMUNITY PROGRAMS | \$919,000

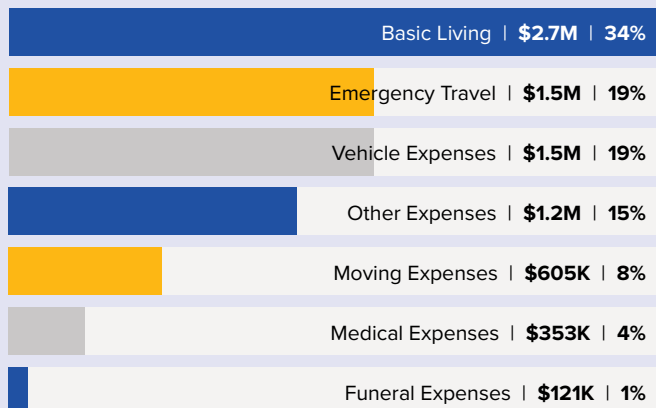
- Child Care Program Grants 3,528 children served**
 NMFA Child Care = **\$250,000**
 Child Care for PCS = **\$197,000**
 Give Parents a Break = **\$55,000**
- Readiness Programs 142 families served**
 Car Care Because We Care = **\$9,000**
- Spouse/Parenting Program Grants 2,593 families served**
 Local Education Programs = **\$248,000**

EDUCATION PROGRAMS | \$2.7 MILLION

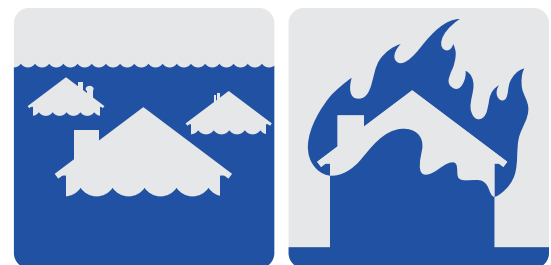
- Gen Henry H. Arnold Education Grants = \$2.6M**
 1,707 grants ranging from **\$500 to \$4,000** for dependent children & spouses
- Merit Scholarships = \$80,000**
 16 dependent scholars earned scholarships
- Supplemental Education Loans = \$46,000**
 42 families received no interest loans to help pay for incidental college expenses



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | \$8 MILLION



- ★ **\$5M** no-interest loans
- ★ **\$3M** grants
- ★ **7,811** assists
- ★ **25** Wounded Warriors received more than **\$40K** in assistance—**90%** of that in the form of grants



DISASTER RELIEF
\$766,800
 ★ 1,283 GRANTS

HELP FURTHER OUR MISSION

Every day our brave Airmen and Guardians do the impossible with integrity, courage, and conviction. AFAS' ability to meet the evolving needs of our Air Force and Space Force families is made possible through contributions from generous donors. There are a variety of ways to help AFAS serve Airmen and Guardians.



MAKE A DONATION

Show your support for our Airmen and Guardians service and sacrifice with a financial gift to AFAS. Your tax-deductible donation will help Air Force and Space Force families when they need us most. Gifts can be made in the form of cash, check, credit card, or direct debit.



ESTABLISH A RECURRING GIFT

A recurring donation is an easy way to make a big difference. As a member of the 5 Star Circle Monthly Giving Program, your sustaining gift is an investment in AFAS' future, helping amplify our mission and ensure our programs remain strong for years to come.



DESIGNATE A TRIBUTE GIFT

Pay your respects to someone dear while paying it forward to our Airmen and Guardians. Donations of at least \$25 may be designated as a tribute gift. Tribute giving options allow you the chance to designate your gift to AFAS in memory of someone who has passed or in honor of someone who inspires you today.



AUTHORIZE A PLANNED GIFT

Maximize your philanthropic goals with a lasting investment to AFAS as part of the Hap and Bee Arnold Legacy Society. By including AFAS in your estate plans, you are helping fund programs like our Falcon Loans, Bundles for Babies, merit scholarships, and much more, ensuring our Air Force and Space Force families are thriving in this great country they have been called to serve.



DONATE STOCKS & SECURITIES

Make a significant gift to help further our mission while receiving superior tax benefits. A charitable gift of stocks and publicly traded securities can offer great advantages, reduce taxable income, and help avoid capital gains tax. Consult your financial advisor for more information and reach out to AFAS when you are ready.



BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER

Whether you are looking to fulfill your philanthropic mission, build brand recognition, boost community connections, or simply show your support and appreciation for military families, your corporate partnership will leave a lasting impact on the lives of many. A wide variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. In exchange for your gift, your company or business will receive recognition within our broad network of engaged supporters, partners, corporate and organizational sponsors, military leaders, donors, and volunteers.



ATTEND OUR CHARITY GALA

Held every spring, AFAS' annual Air & Space Forces Charity Gala is a fun and festive opportunity for Airmen to help Airmen by coming together to raise critical support for our mission and programs. Check out www.airforcecharityball.org for details on next year's event: Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Washington Nationals Ballpark in Washington, DC.

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