



# OPERATION HOMEFRONT

Serving America's Military Families®

## MISSION & VISION

Operation Homefront's mission is to build **strong, stable, and secure military families** so they can thrive — not simply struggle to get by — in the communities they have worked so hard to protect.

Our vision is to be the provider of choice for short-term critical assistance, long-term resiliency, and recurring family support programs to military families.

## CORE VALUES

Our core values serve as fundamental principles that govern our behavior and guide our decision-making.

- Do What's Right
- Respect Others
- Gratitude
- Perform With Excellence

## PROGRAM EFFICIENCY

**Over 90%** of Operation Homefront's expenditures go directly to programs supporting military families.

### Program Services

91%

### Membership and Fundraising

5%

### Management and General

4%



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Operation Homefront helps military families through difficult periods by providing a variety of programs designed to ensure that short-term needs do not turn into chronic long-term struggles. Our programs focus on:

- **Relief** through financial assistance and transitional housing programs
- **Resiliency** through permanent housing and caregiver support programs
- **Recurring Family Support** through school supply and meal kit distribution, and baby shower and military spouse appreciation programs

## OUR LONG-TERM IMPACT

### CRITICAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CFA: SINCE 2011

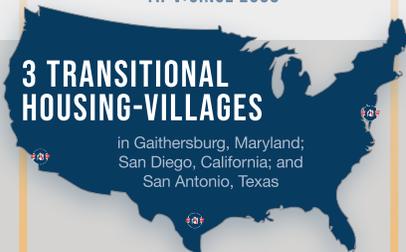
#### MOST REQUESTED TYPE OF ASSISTANCE



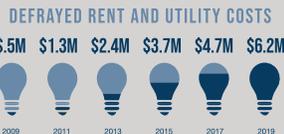
Over **\$29,000,000**  
**IN RELIEF** provided to military families

Fulfilled over **45,000 REQUESTS**  
from military families for financial assistance

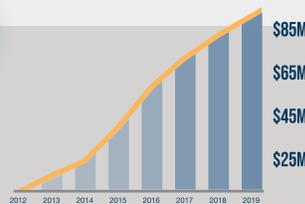
### TRANSITIONAL HOUSING-VILLAGES TH-V: SINCE 2008



Over **600 FAMILIES HOUSED**  
More than **5,500 MONTHS**  
of rent-free housing for military families



### HOMES ON THE HOMEFRONT HOTH: SINCE 2012



DEEDED OVER \$88M IN HOME EQUITY

**700 MILITARY FAMILIES**  
accepted into our permanent housing program

**600+ HOMES DEEDED**  
to military families, mortgage-free

### TRANSITIONAL HOMES FOR COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION THCR: SINCE 2018



**7 FAMILIES HOUSED**

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BRIGADE

Distributed nearly **400,000** backpacks filled with supplies to military children, saving families **\$45M** in expenses

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Served over **112,000** military families through **Holiday Meals For Military**, impacting over **475,000** military family members. Over **\$7.6M** in toys were collected and distributed at holiday programs throughout the U.S.

### HOMEFRONT CELEBRATIONS

Honored more than **8,700** military spouses, and awarded **26** attendees with academic scholarships

### HEARTS OF VALOR

Helped nearly **4,000** caregivers through **75** support groups across the country

### STAR-SPANGLED BABIES®

Celebrated and supported **18,243** new and expectant parents

## RELIEF



Sgt. Bright Oppong loved his job as a logistical specialist in the Army, and he expected to retire after 20 years in the military. However, medical retirement came after just six years of service. The unexpected change left Bright depressed and anxious about the family finances. Initially, he and wife Patience moved with their three children from their duty station at Fort Drum, New York, to the Chicago area, near his family and friends. However, family stresses mounted as finding employment was challenging and apartment rent increased.

The Oppongs were relieved to be selected for Operation Homefront's Transitional Homes for Community Reintegration (THCR) program and welcomed the move into the rent-free home in Yorkville, Illinois. While living in the house, the family will work with caseworkers and financial counselors to gain knowledge about home ownership, improve credit scores, pay

off debt, and accumulate savings so they can eventually own their own home. "To secure a house for my family, this has been our dream," said Bright, a Ghana native. "It gives me peace of mind. It will help us be more stable mentally, financially, and emotionally," he said. "I thank Operation Homefront and [its] donors for the opportunity they are giving to us."

Army National Guard veteran Brian Sawyer and his family are closer to realizing their dream of homeownership because of Operation Homefront's Homes on the Homefront (HOTH) program. For Brian and wife Christina, moving into the mortgage-free house near Christina's family in Anderson, Indiana, was a fresh start after their transition out of the military.

Brian, who medically retired after 16 years of service, describes the HOTH program as life changing. While deployed to Afghanistan, Brian was injured in an IED explosion that left him with a broken clavicle and traumatic brain injury. During the transition, the family budget stretched to the breaking point with Brian unable to work and disability benefits had not yet begun. The family went through bankruptcy and lost their home.

Brian and his wife were living in a rental house with their five children and one granddaughter, when they found Operation Homefront's HOTH program. The Sawyers are now on track to become homeowners again after completing financial counseling and training for homeownership. Brian and Christina said the HOTH program has provided relief beyond putting a roof over the family's head.

"It's given me the opportunity to heal myself physically and emotionally. It's given me the opportunity to be there for my wife and kids more."

## RESILIENCY



## RECURRING FAMILY SUPPORT



With children in high school, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Isiaka Akinwande knows back-to-school time takes a bite out of the family budget. For military families, the expenses add up quickly.

Operation Homefront's Back-to-School-Brigade (BTSB) eased the financial challenge for the Akinwande family. Their children, Abdullahi and Shahida, were among many who received backpacks filled with school supplies from BTSB, a program designed to ease the financial impact of back-to-school time by providing supplies. He estimates the program saved his family about \$200. That's why he's grateful for BTSB and Operation Homefront.

"It definitely helps," said Isiaka, who works in personnel administration and has deployed twice during his 10 years of military service. "Little things help military families" he said. "Any assistance we can get is awesome."

He added that it is meaningful to service members when people and organizations show they care. "Kudos to those organizations, especially Operation Homefront. It really matters and we really appreciate that people are thinking about us."

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Platinum Level



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"A-" Rated Charity



Meets all 20  
Accountability  
Standards

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