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THE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION

SERVES OUR NATION

BY HONORING OUR

DEFENDERS,

VETERANS,

FIRST RESPONDERS,

THEIR FAMILIES,

AND THOSE IN NEED.

WE DO THIS BY CREATING

AND SUPPORTING

UNIQUE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO

ENTERTAIN,

EDUCATE,

INSPIRE,

STRENGTHEN,

AND BUILD COMMUNTIES



My Friends,

In 2010, I had a decision to make: I could either ramp up this mission of service to veterans, first responders and their families, or I would have to pull back. For years, I had been traveling the world and across our country raising funds and supporting many initiatives and nonprofits. I visited troops in war zones, on bases here in the U.S. and at our military hospitals. I attended funeral services for our fallen heroes and tried to comfort their grieving families. I knew the need was great. I thought about the sacrifices of so many who keep our country free and safe. I thought about our veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress, our most severely wounded service members who felt lost and incomplete, and those still serving who continued to face dangerous situations around the world. I thought about the children of our fallen, and all the moments they would feel the loss and heartbreak alone. I thought of the first responders who run towards danger for their fellow citizens, and the toll it takes on them and their loved ones.

It was the thought of these heroes and what they face every day that made my decision clear. That's why I founded the Gary Sinise Foundation. Not all of us are called to serve and sacrifice in such selfless and extraordinary ways, but as Americans we can take up the charge to help those who do.

My book, *Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service*, is a story of discovery, of a calling to a greater purpose, and of the extraordinary men and women I met along the way. There are so many friends just like you who are grateful for our freedom and security. You are such an important part of this mission, and I am blessed to have you with me on this journey

Together, we are expressing our sincere gratitude to our defenders by addressing their critical challenges in meaningful ways; supporting veterans, wounded heroes, first responders, frontline emergency medical teams—brave men and women who put their lives on the line every single day to keep our country safe and our communities strong.

There are so many ways to give back to our heroes, to ensure they have the tools and resources to withstand their physical and invisible wounds. To give them comfort. To give them support. To give them hope. And that is why, at Gary Sinise Foundation, our mission is broad and ever evolving to serve our heroes' changing needs.

I believe while we can never do enough for our nation's defenders and the families who sacrifice alongside them, we can always do a little more.

Your Grateful American pal,







WHO WE SERVE

SEVERELY WOUNDED HEROES

Thousands have returned from their service with severe injuries. From amputations to paralysis, we're working to ease their daily challenges and help restore their independence and support their empowerment.



MY FIRST VISIT TO A MILITARY HOSPITAL CHANGED ME FOREVER

Germany 2003, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. I was nervous to meet these wounded service members. How should I greet them? How should I interact? Entering the first large room, there were many with less serious wounds who would be patched up and sent back to the war. So many had that 1,000-yard stare. All were quiet, somber. But everything changed after a soldier looked up and shouted, "Lt. Dan!". Their eyes lit up and they started to gather around me. Smiles now, they wanted to talk about Forrest Gump. They identified with my character's story in a profound way that I hadn't expected. Then, I went upstairs to see the patients who were more seriously injured and would be sent home soon. Again, faces lit up. They were so happy that I just showed up to spend time with them, but I was the one who was most profoundly changed. It changed me forever. The Gary Sinise Foundation serves our severely wounded because every veteran who serves our country deserves our support and our gratitude.

THEY

SACRIFICE

SO

MUCH

FOR



THE COST OF FREEDOM

1,500

Heroes Suffered Amputations

From Serving in the Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan*

He Was the Only One

Who Survived

Returning from a mission in Zabul, Afghanistan, Army Sgt. Legrand Strickland witnessed an improvised explosive device (IED) strike his Commander's vehicle. His Commander survived the blast and joined Legrand in his own vehicle.



Though Legrand survived, his Commander and the driver did not.

As they drove away, Legrand's last memory is a second blast. His vehicle had been struck by another explosive. Though Legrand survived, his Commander and driver did not. He sustained many injuries, including bilateral above-knee amputations and traumatic brain injury, and underwent multiple surgeries including a cranioplasty.

The Gary Sinise Foundation proudly built a custom home for Legrand Strickland and his family through our R.I.S.E. program.

HOW ME SERVE

SEVERELY WOUNDED HEROES



CUSTOM HOMEBUILDING

We're building brand new, 100% mortgage-free smart technology homes fully customized to the individual needs of wounded heroes across the country. These life changing homes alleviate stress on our heroes, their loved ones and caregivers.

HOME MODIFICATIONS

We're modifying homes for many heroes who have served in conflicts since WWII. We're refurbishing bathrooms, kitchens, building wheelchair ramps and making homes more accessible.



MOBILITY DEVICES & ADAPTED VEHICLES

Mobility means having true independence. We're providing individual transportation devices and vehicles for wounded heroes.



INVINCIBLE SPIRIT FESTIVALS

We're bringing day-long respites of food, fun, and music for our wounded heroes recovering in military hospitals nationwide.





OUR IMPACT

6

Custom Smart Homes Completed

This Year For Severely Wounded Heroes Nationwide

23

Home Modifications

17

Specially Adapted Vehicles

12

Mobility Devices







WHO WE SERVE

FAMILIES OF FALLEN HEROES

When our nation's heroes make the ultimate sacrifice, we never forget them and their families. We are here for the families of our fallen in their greatest time of need and beyond.



NOW, ALL THE KIDS CALL ME "UNCLE GARY"

I was introduced to an organization called "Snowball Express" just after its inaugural event in 2006. All these military children who had lost a parent in Iraq and Afghanistan had gone to Disneyland for an all-expense paid trip held just prior to the year end holiday season. Seeing the video footage from that first event and the impact made on nearly 800 children of fallen heroes, I knew I had to help. From that point on, I made it a personal point to show up each year to support these families and that included returning with my Lt. Dan Band to play concerts for them. In 2018, the Gary Sinise Foundation brought the entire organization as an initiative under our Relief and Resiliency program. Every time the kids call me "Uncle Gary", it warms my heart. There are so many children who have lost a mom or dad in military service to our country and I'm so honored to be considered family to these incredible heroes.

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THE COST OF FREEDOM

6,85/

Heroes Have Given Their Life

in Iraq & Afghanistan Since 2003*

"I Have Five Children, How Can I

Go On Alone?"

Ginger Gilbert Ravella faced the sudden tragic loss of her collegesweetheart husband Major Troy Gilbert, an Air Force F-16 pilot, who gave his life while saving over twenty Special Operation soldiers.

"I got a knock at the front door and I see these blue uniforms. I looked at their faces and I knew something horrible must have happened."



"He was a hero every day, but that day he became an American hero," Ginger said. She soon learned that Iraqi insurgents had taken her husband's body. Her family's private grief became public as news outlets repeatedly covered the military's multiple attempts to recover his body.

Ginger wrestled with how to live without the provider of her family, the love of her life, and father to her five children all under the age of nine.

HOW WE SERVE

FAMILIES OF FALLEN HEROES



ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT

We're bringing 1,865 loved ones of fallen heroes for an annual gathering of connection, remembrance, and healing at the most magical place on earth, Walt Disney World.

YOUNG ADULTS

The loss of a parent never gets easier. We're hosting bonding experiences to honor & remember their fallen heroes. Gary always ensures these families are taken care of at every stage of their healing journey.



LOCAL EVENTS

Connecting these families through local events and celebrations helps form friendships and networks for year-round communal support.



RESOURCE ROOMS

Beyond fun and celebration, we're providing essential information and resources for these families to help them get financial and emotional support they need to move forward.



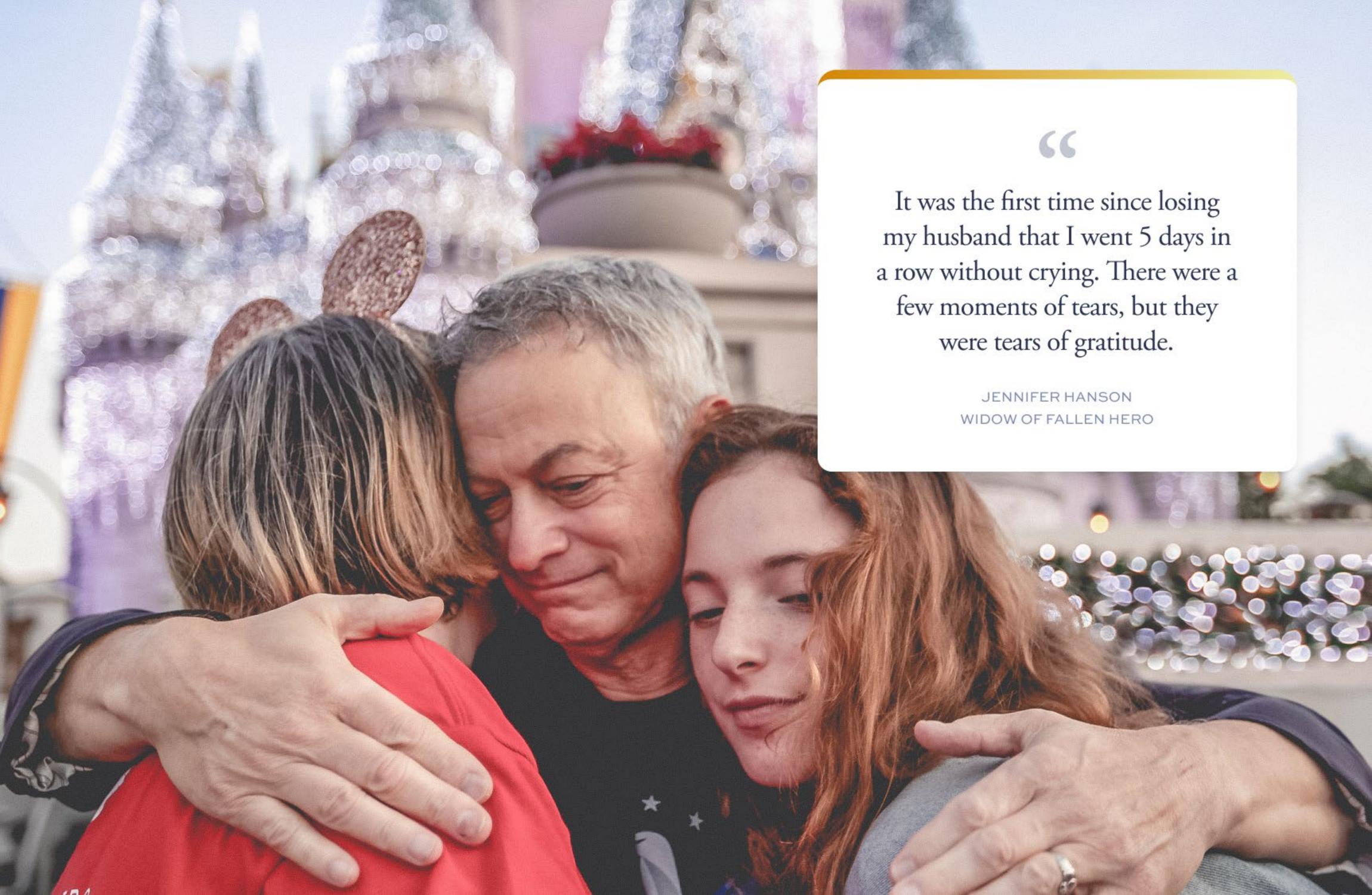


OUR IMPACT

3,148

Loved Ones of Fallen Heroes Joined Us This Year

For Support Events & Celebrations







WHO WE SERVE

FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNITIES

We're providing support to America's firefighters, police, and EMTs who run into danger and ensure the safety of our communities every day.



9 / 11 WAS MY TURNING POINT

The images from that terrible day will remain embedded in my mind forever. Watching the FDNY and NYPD rush towards the burning Twin Towers, all those brave heroes responding at the Pentagon, the passengers who fought back on United 93 over Shanksville PA., all of it left an indelible impression on me. In June of 2003, on my first handshake tour to Iraq with the USO, I met a retired FDNY firefighter named John Vigiano. John lost two sons on 9/11, one a firefighter and the other a police officer. Once back in the states, he invited me to tour his son's firehouse and meet some of the guys. They had lost six of their brothers that day, including John's son. This chance interaction left me with a whole new appreciation for our first responders. I want the Gary Sinise Foundation to remind our fellow Americans that real selfless heroes reside in their community, and that these men and women face danger every day to ensure their safety.

THE COST OF FREEDOM

30%

of First Responders Develop Behavioral Health Conditions

> Including Depression and Post-Traumatic Stress*

HOW WE SERVE

FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNITIES



PROVIDING CRITICAL EQUIPMENT

Many local First Responders are volunteer groups that lack the resources to serve their communities effectively. We're providing essential equipment where it's needed most.

ESSENTIAL TRAINING

We're empowering First Responders to better serve their communities through educational programs and training seminars.



SERVING HEROES

We're building camaraderie through food by serving hearty, classic American meals to our heroes throughout the nation.



FINANCIAL H.O.P.E.

We're providing support to those facing trauma, illness, injury, or loss in times of urgent need. Financial assistance can be a major help to heal, overcome, persevere and excel.







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Edward is smiling down right now, seeing his name on that rescue boat. He always wanted a boat. And to know it's saving lives just makes it all the better.

LOUISE CANTRELL,
LOST HER HUSBAND & TWO DAUGHTERS IN A HOUSE FIRE

OUR IMPACT

108

First Responder Department Grants Awarded

2,250

Pieces of Essential Gear & Equipment Donated





WHO WE SERVE

THE INVISIBLE WOUNDS

Many of our nation's heroes return from war with not only physical wounds, but invisible ones. We are here to uplift their spirits and support their strong mental health.



THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR HEROES IS CRITICAL

Uplifting the spirits of our heroes is at the very heartbeat of everything we do. Each of our Programs are designed to improve lives and raise spirits through our multiple initiatives: entertainment, home building, serving our heroes, wellness retreats and much more. The expansion of our focus on Mental Wellness healing began years ago when I met with Ken Falke, a 21-year combat Navy veteran who was building a retreat specifically for heroes suffering from post-traumatic stress. In this beautiful retreat setting, I felt we could team up to provide a great way for our newly wounded veterans to learn from older wounded veterans through my long relationship with the Disabled American Veterans. As our support of those struggling with the physical and invisible wounds of war continued to expand, so did our partnerships with a number of organizations who are truly making an impact.

THE COST OF FREEDOM



Heroes Have Returned with the Visible & Invisible Wounds of War

From Serving in the Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan*

HOW WE SERVE

THE INVISIBLE WOUNDS

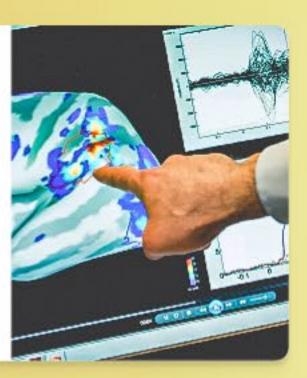


BOULDER CREST RETREATS

In collaboration with DAV and Boulder Crest Foundation, we're connecting wounded veterans from different military conflicts. These veterans come together for seven days to heal and find renewed strength to overcome their challenges.

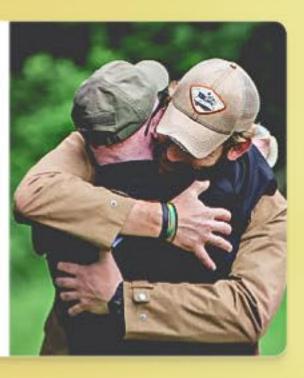
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY TREATMENTS

Veterans with TBIs are offered care at the Marcus Institute for Brain Health, a leader in treating physical, emotional, and cognitive changes that accompany those traumas.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Together with Warriors Heart, we're providing inpatient treatment for chemical dependency, alcohol abuse, with co-occurring psychological disorders relating to post-traumatic stress or the effects of TBIs.



CANINE SUPPORT

Through multiple partnerships, we're training service and leader dogs for our heroes and providing free veterinarian care to these essential best friends.









WHO WE SERVE

VETERANS FROM EVERY CONFLICT

No matter how they served or where they deployed, we consider every veteran a hero of this nation.



THE VETERANS IN MY FAMILY ARE MY INSPIRATION

In the 1960s and early 1970s, as a young teenager, I watched as men and women, not much older than I, deployed to Vietnam. They answered their nation's call to service by volunteering or through the draft, risking their lives each day in the jungles of Southeast Asia. My wife's two brothers and a brother-in-law served in the U.S. Army. I was a little older by then, and received quite an education from them as to what it was like to serve there and to come home to a nation divided over the war. What stayed with me the most was how our Vietnam veterans were treated when they returned home. I have tried my best over the years to ensure we always support those who defend us. The veterans in my family have always been a source of inspiration, so to see America turn its back on its returning heroes was something I'll never forget. The Gary Sinise Foundation is working to ensure this mistake is never repeated. We proudly celebrate every veteran from every conflict.

THE NEED 19 miles

Approx. Number of Veterans

Residing in the United States*

HOW WE SERVE

VETERANS OF EVERY CONFLICT



SOARING VALOR EXPERIENCES

We're bringing WWII veterans to The National WWII Museum that was built in their honor. The awe-inspiring exhibits share their stories of courage and sacrifice, and their incredible triumph over global tyranny.

HOME MODIFICATIONS

We're providing life-changing home renovations for our aging, ill, and injured veterans from every conflict.



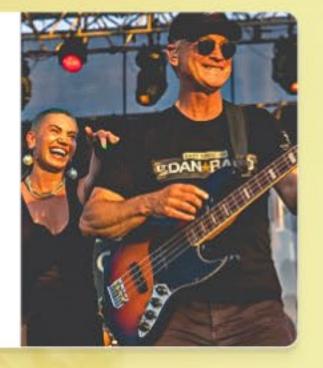
FINANCIAL H.O.P.E.

We're providing support to those facing trauma, illness, injury, or loss in times of urgent need. Financial assistance can be a major help to heal, overcome, persevere and excel.



LT. DAN BAND

Whether boosting morale on military bases or raising awareness at benefit concerts, the band uplifts our heroes and their families as a reminder of America's gratitude.





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My 95 year-old dad felt like royalty. He was awed by everything and couldn't believe that *his* contribution to the war would garner so much gratitude.

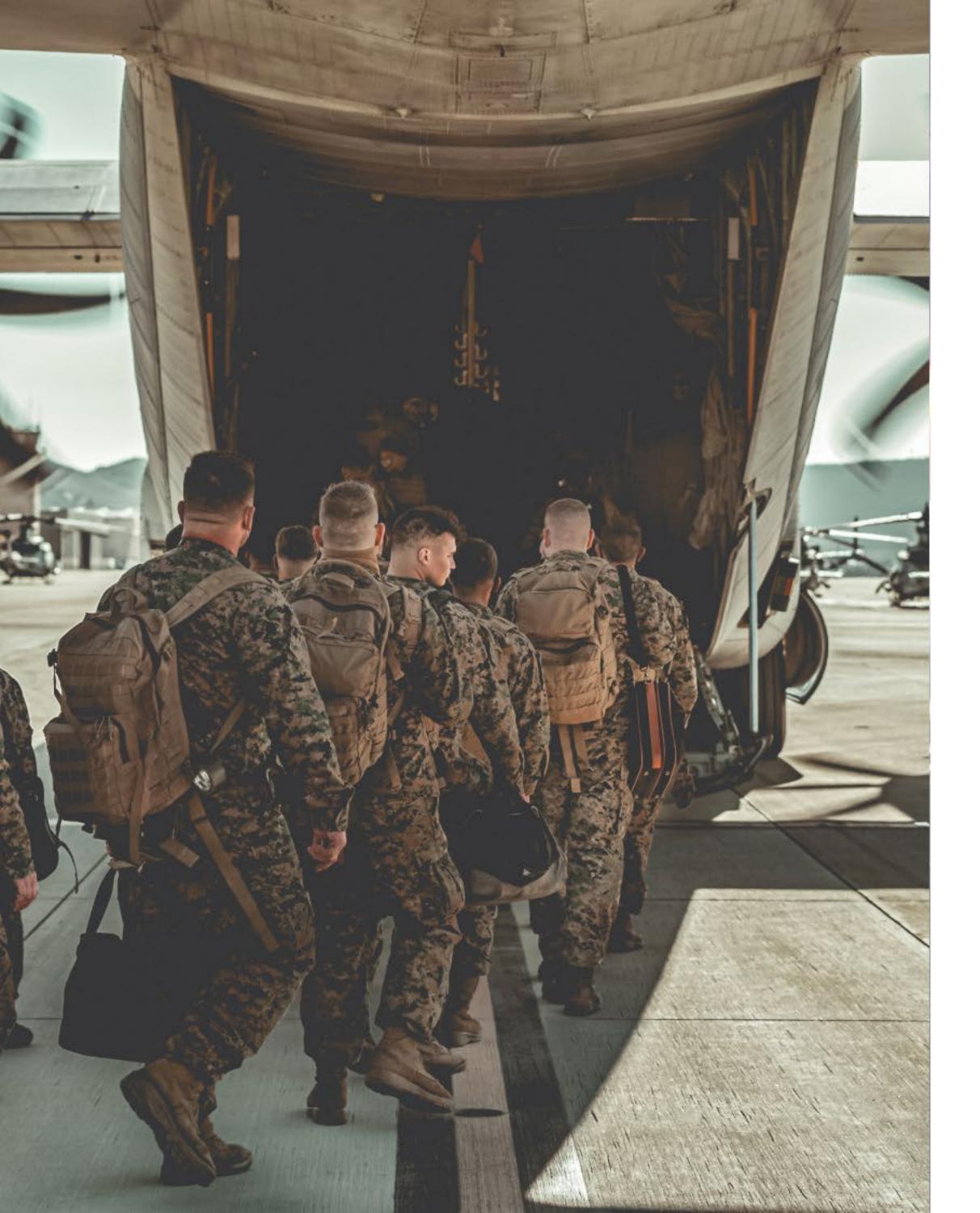
DAUGHTER OF WWII VETERAN

OUR IMPACT

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WWII Veterans

joined us for our Soaring Valor experiences in celebration of their service





WHO WE SERVE

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Military service can be challenging. We're helping to combat homesickness with a taste of home for deployed heroes.



SOMETIMES A HANDSHAKE CHANGES EVERYTHING

In all my travels over the years supporting our nation's defenders, I have seen firsthand the courage and bravery of those who selflessly serve for their fellow citizens. So many of our nation's heroes silently struggle, not wanting to burden others with their challenges. But letting them know they're not alone on their journey, reminding them there are many grateful Americans out there who love and appreciate them, this can make a positive difference in their lives.

As the divide between citizens and those who protect our nation grows, fewer Americans ever interact with their defenders. For all they've sacrificed, these heroes ask so little. Sometimes a handshake and a heartfelt 'thank you' can mean so much. It's a simple reminder that a grateful nation stands behind them.

THE NEED

> %

Of American Citizens Are Active Duty Service Members

Protecting Our Nation At Home & Abroad*

HOW NOW SERVE

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS



GARY SINISE & THE LT. DAN BAND

Honor. Gratitude. Rock & Roll. That's the mission of every concert. Whether boosting morale on military bases at home and abroad or raising awareness at benefit concerts across the country, the band uplifts and celebrates our defenders and their families everywhere they go.

COMEDY TOURS

We're presenting the "Almost Red, White & Blue Comedy Tour" at military bases to uplift spirits and build camaraderie.

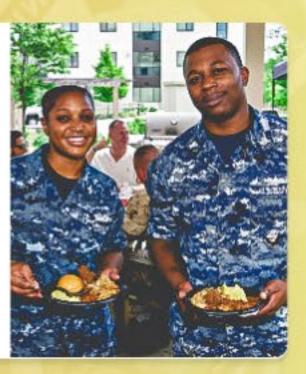


SERVING HEROES

The rigors of service can be trying.

We're helping to build comraderie through food by serving hearty

American meals to heroes at military bases at home and abroad.



RESILIENCY WORKSHOPS

We receive support requests from bases experiencing elevated suicide rates. We're addressing the mental wellness of our heroes with strategic partnerships and innovative, empowering treatment methods.





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Nothing was sugar-coated. It was hard at times to talk about negative experiences but it was so worth it.

RESILIENCY WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT

OUR IMPACT

Concerts Performed for Service
Members & their Families

1,604
Resiliency Workshop Participants

209,485

Meals Served Through
Serving Heroes



EXPANDING OUTREACH

AMBASSADORS COUNCIL

"I have entrusted these dear friends to speak on my behalf, to tell their own incredible stories, and to share how the Foundation has impacted their lives and the lives of all those we serve."





BRYAN ANDERSON

Retired U.S. Army Sergeant. Triple amputee injured while serving in Iraq. Purple Heart recipient. Author of *No Turning Back*.



SARAH BETTENCOURT

Retired U.S. Marine Captain. Helicopter pilot who suffered a rare neurological disorder. Para Surfing Prone 1 Division world champion.



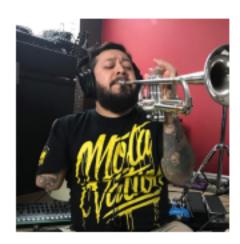
SAMMY L. DAVIS

Medal of Honor Recipient. U.S. Army veteran. Displayed extraordinary heroism by risking his own life to save fellow American soldiers during the Vietnam War.



BRANDON DODSON

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant. Double amputee injured while serving in Afghanistan. Purple Heart recipient.



JUAN DOMINGUEZ

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Corporal. Triple Ampute e injured while deployed in Afghanistan.



TOM DREESEN

Professional stand-up comedian with 500+ appearances on national TV. Frank Sinatra's opening act for 13 years. Veteran of the U.S. Navy.



MARY JEAN EISENHOWER

Granddaughter of President Eisenhower and Chairman Emeritus of People to People International.



GREGORY D. GADSON

Retired U.S. Army Colonel. Double amputee injured while serving in Iraq. Actor and motivational speaker.



JEREMY HAYNES

Retired U.S. Army Major. Served in 101st and 82nd Airborne Division. Paralyzed after being shot four times while deployed in Afghanistan.



CLAYTON M. HUTMACHER

Retired U.S. Army Major General, serving over 40 years. Commanding General of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.



ROBERT IRVINE

World-class chef, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. Best known for his hit show *Restaurant: Impossible*. Veteran of the British Royal Navy.



DOC JACOBS

Retired U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class. Severely injured while serving in Iraq. The U.S. Navy's first amputee Corpsman to redeploy.



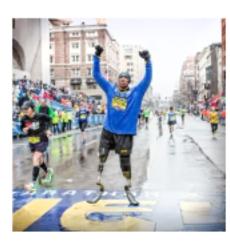
GARRETT JONES

Retired U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal. First service member to
redeploy into combat as an amputee
within a year of his injury.



NICK KIMMEL

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant. Triple amputee injured while serving in Afghanistan. Purple Heart recipient. Competitive golfer.



CEDRIC KING

Retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant and motivational speaker. Double amputee injured while serving in Afghanistan.



GINGER GILBERT RAVELLA

Military widow of fallen hero. Mother of five Gold Star children. International speaker and author.



JASON C. REDMAN

Retired U.S. Navy SEAL. Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient. Motivational speaker.



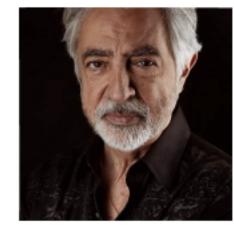
MICHAEL SCHLITZ

Retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class. Army Ranger. Double amputee injured in Baghdad. International speaker.



RICK & SARAH LYNCH

For 30 years they served the U.S. Army as a command team, he as a retired Lieutenant General, she as a Senior Spouse and advocate for soldiers and their families.



JOE MANTEGNA

Actor, best known for his leading role in *Criminal Minds*. Co-host of the National Memorial Day Concert alongside Gary.



JOHN MASSON

Retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant, Army Ranger, Green Beret, and Special Forces soldier. Triple amputee injured in Afghanistan.



LESLIE NICOLE SMITH

Retired U.S. Army Captain.

Amputee from chemical exposure during her deployment in Bosnia.

Motivational speaker.



D.B. SWEENEY

Actor, writer, and producer. Best known for his roles in *The Cutting Edge*, *Fire in the Sky*, *8 Men Out*, and *Lonesome Dove*.



JAY R. VARGAS

U.S. Marine veteran and Medal of Honor Recipient, awarded for his heroism during the Vietnam War. Commanded and lead Marines at every level.



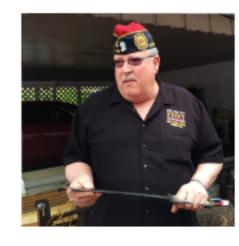
TRAVIS MILLS

Retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant. Quadruple amputee injured during his third deployment in Afghanistan. Motivational speaker and author.



JOHN ONDRASIK

Singer-songwriter John Ondrasik of Five for Fighting. Sold over 3 million records. Best known for his Grammy-nominated hit, Superman.



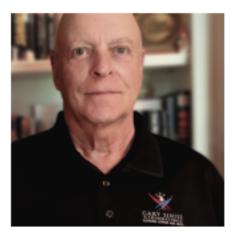
DANNY PRINCE

Retired New York firefighter, serving in the department for 36 years and a proud U.S. Navy veteran.



WILLIAM WAGASY

U.S. Navy SEAL who completed four combat deployments. Former outside linebacker for Notre Dame.



GARY WEAVER

Retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran from the Vietnam War. Served 20 years at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization.



JOHN WOODALL

Retired firefighter and Fire Chief. Founded Camp4Heroes, a nonprofit supporting wounded defenders. Professional Elvis impersonator.

EXPANDING OUTREACH

LOCAL CHAPTERS

"We are excited to extend our impact at a regional level. By enlisting the support of communities across the country, we'll be able to serve, honor, and raise the spirits of so many more heroes and their families."





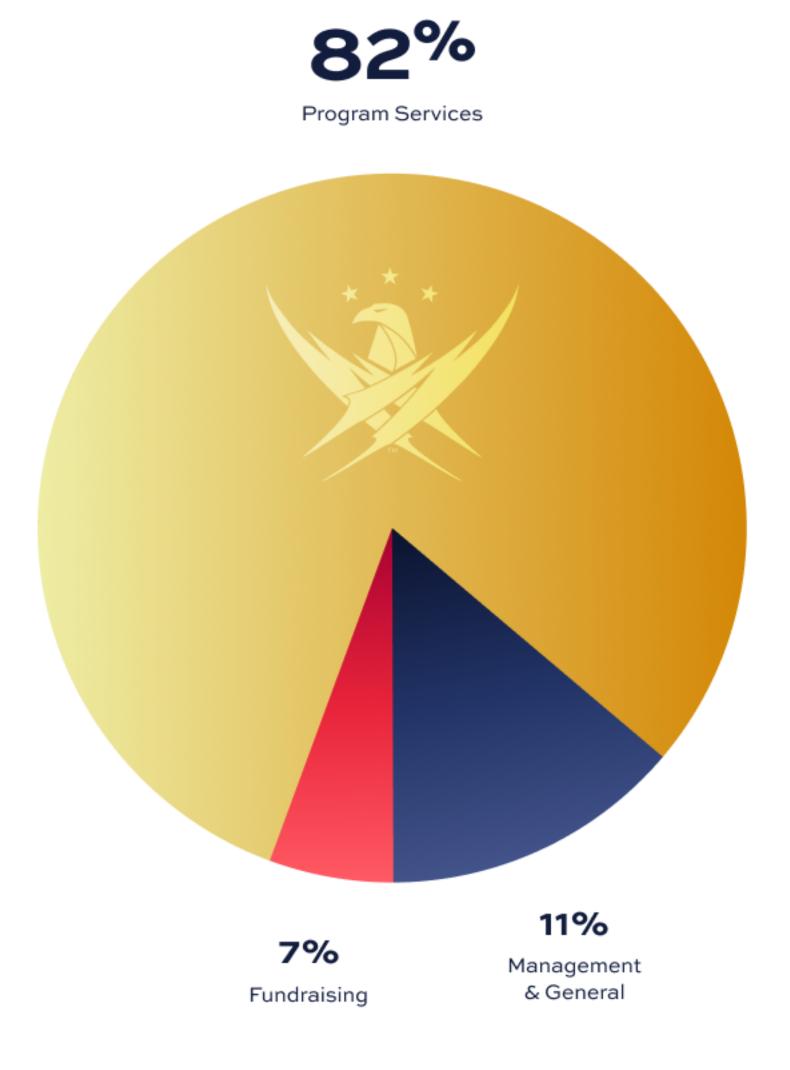


FLORIDA

Launched in August 2020, the Gary Sinise Foundation Florida Chapter was the first chapter that will extend the philanthropy of Gary Sinise and the footprint of the Gary Sinise Foundation. Florida is home to the third-largest veteran population in the country, with more than 1.5 million retired service members.

SAN DIEGO

San Diego is home to the nation's largest concentration of military personnel, including one-sixth of U.S. Navy and over one-fourth of U.S. Marine Corps personnel. Approximately 16,000 service members separate from active-duty service in San Diego each year, with about 28% of them estimated to remain in the region after separation.



824

Of Every Dollar Supported America's Heroes

The Gary Sinise Foundation is **supported by more than 62,470 donors** across the nation who entrust us with their generosity in order to faithfully execute our mission year round.

For 2022, we are proud to report that **82% of every dollar** contributed was applied directly to our outreach and our commitment to fiscal responsibility has been validated by every major nonprofit watchdog group and registry.

\$59,105,175

Total Revenue & Donations for 2022







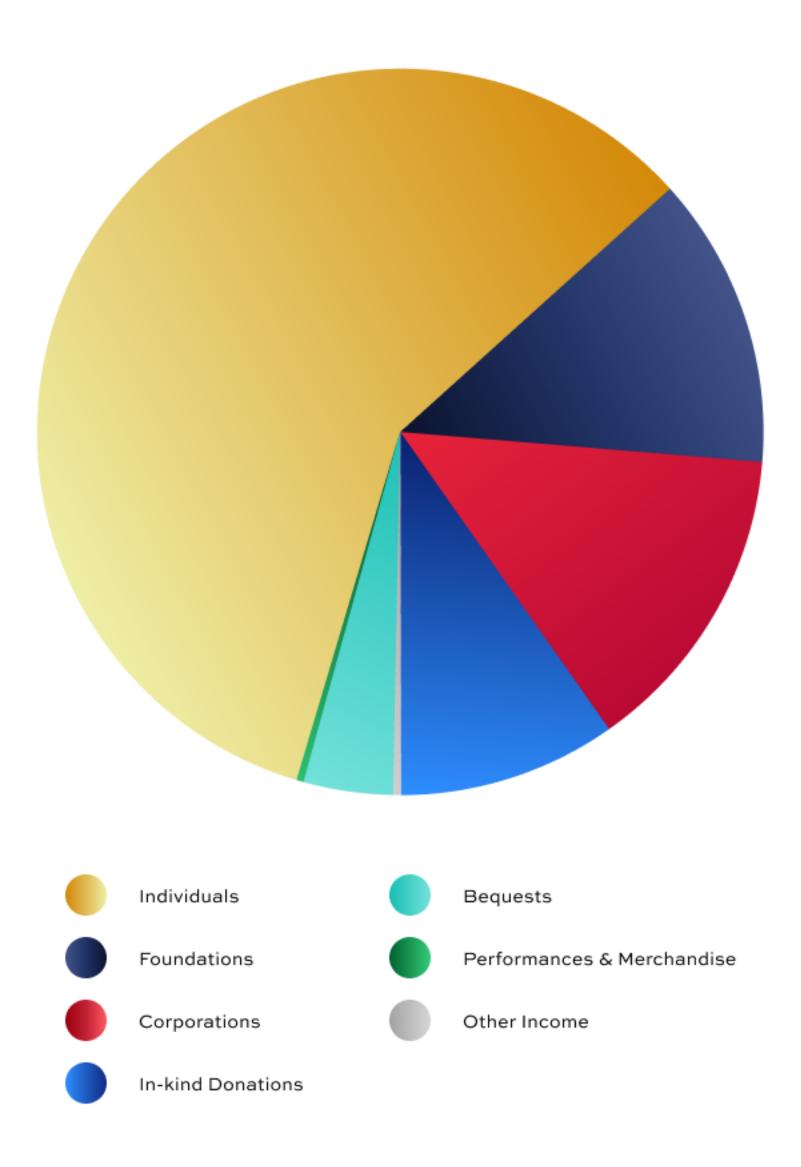






FINANCIALS

SOURCES OF SUPPORT



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

REVENUE

Individuals & Indirect Public Support	\$38,285,991
Foundations	\$8,487,908
Corporations	\$9,043,065
In-kind Donations	\$6,352,708
Bequests	\$2,542,406
Government Grants	\$100,896
Merchandise Sales	\$195,790
Other Income	\$12,223
Total	\$65,020,987
Investment Income	(\$5,915,812)
Total Revenue	\$59,105,175

EXPENSES

Fundraising

• R.I.S.E.	\$14,596,840
Relief & Resiliency	\$28,690,189
Community Outreach & Education	\$5,141,179
First Responders	\$3,908,063
Military Support Concerts	\$206,140
Total for Program Services	\$52,542,411
Management & General	\$6,507,601

\$4,477,405

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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YOU

CAN SHOW YOUR

GRATITUDE

FOR AMERICA'S

HEROES

AND THEIR FAMILIES



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