



May No Soldier Go Unloved

November 14, 2021

Dear Members of NAPEO,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and thousands of volunteers nationwide, we wanted to thank you all again for the wonderful opportunity to be a part of the NAPEO conference this year in San Antonio, Texas. While we are very sorry you had to move the event from California at the last minute, we were very thankful to benefit from that venue change!

The mission of Soldiers' Angels is to provide aid, comfort and resources to the military, veterans, and their families. While we are a national organization, San Antonio is our largest market and has a high level of need for local funding to support veterans at the San Antonio VA facilities.

Each year the San Antonio VA serves over 60,000 veterans and logs over 1 million outpatient visits! Of the veterans served here, approximately 85% are considered as low-income or homeless. Many veterans often schedule multiple appointments the same day to save on transportation costs or to avoid regular use of complicated public transportation services. With very limited income, many of our veterans did not have the extra funding to eat a meal in the VA Cafeteria. Soldiers' Angels provides Canteen Gift Cards to veterans who cannot otherwise afford to eat in the VA cafeteria. These gift cards make a world of difference for many veterans who may not be regularly getting warm and nutritious meals.

When we found out we were selected for this program, we were thrilled. Later, when we found out the fundraising goal was \$75,000, we were ecstatic. You can imagine our excitement when you ultimately raised over \$138,000! The original goal was to ensure all veterans in need would be able to get Canteen Gift Cards for a full year. Not only did we do that, we also will be able to provide additional food support to San Antonio Veterans through our Mobile Food Distributions and Box Lunches for homeless veterans! We will be feeding an additional 15,000 San Antonio veterans this year because of YOUR generosity! No local veteran should go hungry this year thanks to your amazing NAPEO members! We cannot thank you enough!

In addition to all of the money raised, NAPEO members helped pack 832 box lunches for local homeless veterans and assembled 250 care packages for female service members deployed in combat locations!



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We wanted to share with you just a couple of impactful quotes that have been shared with us from local veterans:

"I just want to thank you guys for all the work you do to help us, it really shows the service men and women just how much you really do appreciate our service to our great country, we thank our GOD for all of you and our prayers go out to all of you men and women, and we pray that this year be the best holiday season you ever had even in these difficult times, you guys make me proud, peace and much love." – Big Bub

"I'm reaching out to say thank you for all your hard work. My family sincerely appreciate you. The kids send their love. Happy holiday. Your kindness reached me when I was at my lowest. Peace and blessings." – LaTonja

"Thank you for supporting us. The food your team provides makes the difference between eating well and paying the bills I believe God blessed us with your service to us too." - Michael

Again, we cannot thank you all enough for your generosity and support! This donation is already having a tremendous impact on feeding San Antonio veterans!

Very Respectfully,

Amy Palmer
Soldiers' Angels