

2022 Annual Report



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SOLDIERS
OUTREACH, INC
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Our Story So Far

OUR PROGRAMS

"We Care" packages is our primary program. Our care packages contain toiletries, hygiene items, snacks and other goodies. All items are carefully packaged along with letters of encouragement and shipped to our registered service members for the length of their deployment.

Our Angel program provides food, hygiene, and other personal items to local veterans in need. Many of these items are donations that we cannot ship in our care packages.

Our Educational Outreach program provides educational projects in support of local schools and curriculum through letter writing campaigns as well as encouraging discussion in current events and geography. Various youth groups such as the Girls and Boy Scouts can be provided with opportunities to earn merit patches while young adults in clubs such as the ROTC are afforded the honor to gather with local dignitaries and earn community service hours. Speaking engagements such as the annual Memorial Day Service in Palm Beach County further help to foster civic engagement and education.

OUR MISSION

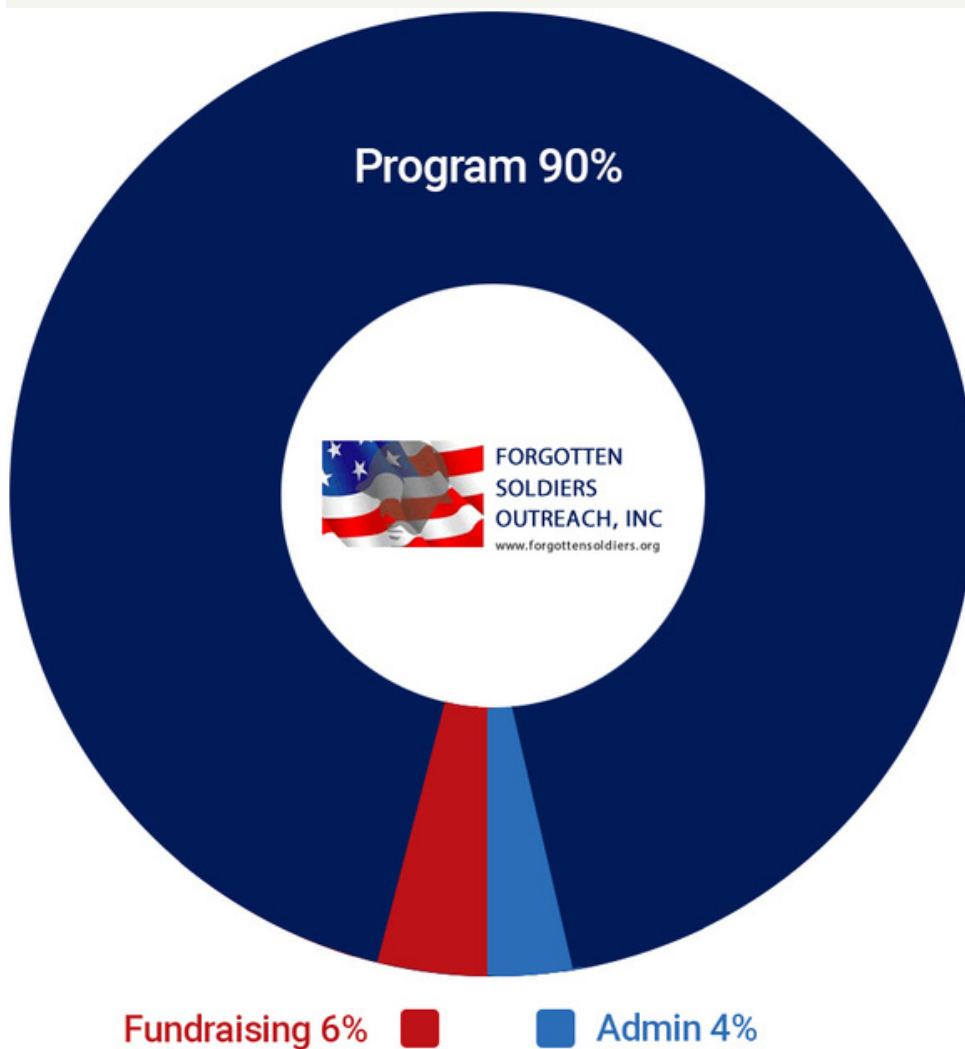
Supporting our deployed military service members with monthly care packages to ensure they are not forgotten.



Our combination of squad boxes and individual packages benefitted nearly 1500 deployed service members every month in 2022!



Expenditures



3,183

total packages
shipped out
(squad & individual)

\$70,572

spent on shipping
care packages.

At Forgotten Soldiers Outreach 90% of our total expenses are spent on our programs such as our "We Care" packages. The remaining 10% is spent on fundraising and administration and/or management.

Charities are considered efficient if 75% or more of their total expenses are spent on their programs. However, this percentage can vary from year to year depending on circumstances such as rent increases, salary changes, supply issues and even natural disasters. One of our biggest expenses is shipping.

We pride ourselves in keeping our overhead as low as possible so that we can continue to support our troops and ensure that they are not forgotten.

Volunteers

2,861
Volunteer Hours

We would not be where we are today without our dedicated volunteers and we are grateful to those who continue to support us. Our volunteers work in all aspects of our organization, such as:

- Maintaining the warehouse.
- Inventory and sorting donated items.
- Packing care packages.
- General office duties.
- Proofreading letters of encouragement.
- Fundraising and marketing.



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Sponsored Packing Events

Sponsored Packing Events or SPEs are provided by businesses, organizations and other groups that donate the cost of shipping a set number of care packages and then have their volunteers pack the boxes at our Operations Center. This is a great team building exercise and provides valuable insight into our care package program.

Our Events

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach holds several fundraising events throughout the year. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors, committee members and volunteers who help us make these events such a success.

Every year we strive to bring the best for our attendees. Countless hours of planning and preparation are delegated to events such as our Hero's Toast Champagne Brunch. In its eighth year, we believe it is one of the best events in Palm Beach County!

We also appreciate the partnerships we have developed with like-minded organizations that have provided proceeds from their events. We thank them for choosing to support our deployed military service members.

Our top three events in 2022 grossed nearly \$135,000! As a local, grassroots organization we are thankful for this support that allows us to continue our mission.

EVENTS	DETAILS	PROCEEDS
8th Annual Hero's Toast Champagne Brunch	Featuring Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt Sammy L. Davis, US Army Retired	\$94,614
Golf Tournament	Hosted by Keller Williams Realty-Wellington	\$25,670
Charity Ride-In	Motorcycle related event hosted by MFC Motorcycle Club-Palm Beach	\$14,350

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8th
Annual

Hero's Toast Champagne Brunch



Donor Spotlight

In 2009 Forgotten Soldiers Outreach relocated to our current warehouse/office space in Lake Worth. The warehouse owner donated the space to us for nine years.

In 2018 we were notified that the space would no longer be donated. We could not afford to pay rent so a plea was put out through the local media. We were hoping for a miracle!

A lovely woman read about our plight and was touched by our program and our support of our deployed troops.

Since 2018, Mrs. Margaret Krupa has donated over \$150,000 to underwrite warehouse/office space and to help with the shipping of care packages.

It is the very special people like Mrs. Krupa that make our work possible.



We thank you for your
generous support of
our programs.

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