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 Helping our Military Past, Present and Future....**

Dear Potential Donor,

This year Support the Troops MN (STTMN) is celebrating **18 years** of support for our hometown heroes. STTMN provides emergency **Rapid Response** (within 48-hrs) aid to our veterans and active soldiers with financial hardships. Rapid Response makes Support the Troops MN **unique** in our cause, as other outlets for aid and support can take months to provide help.

We continue to see a growing need for financial support in our MN communities for these families, especially our aging veterans. We are asking if you will assist us in support as a donator for this year. Our team is **100% volunteer**, and all donations go to the aid fund. In 2023, we supplied over **\$140,000** in aid over **33 MN counties**. We had requests for over \$300,000, so we need to increase our fundraising efforts to achieve this! Our aid included:

**60% to MN Veterans
 40% to MN Active Soldiers**

In the form of:

Housing Assistance (Temp Need/Rent/Repairs/Applicances)	\$ 74,532
Car Assistance (Repairs/Payments/Insurance)	\$ 30,268
Utilities	\$ 8,431
Emergency Medical/Dental	\$ 8,494
Clothing for Homeless Vets	\$ 5,000
Other Emergency Aid Needs	\$ 15,284
Total Paid Out:	\$142,008

Our funds are dry, and we are working on increasing the number of fundraising events this year. All of these events will include Silent Auctions, which provide one of our largest sources of funds. Our events this year will include:

- 2nd Amendment Gun Bingo and Silent Auction, February 24th
- 18th Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction, June 22nd
- Cornhole Tournament and Silent Auction, September
- Pheasant Hunt and Silent Auction, October

We are hoping you will consider assisting us in raising funds this year with an item/gift card for one of our Silent Auctions or a monetary donation.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our group/events, please let us know. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Faris – *President and Army E-4 Specialist, Retired*
 Katie Ogdahl – *Vice President*

Bill Giesie - *CFO*
 Nicole Giesie – *COO*

Contact us for Pick-Up or send Donations to:
 Support the Troops MN
 Attn: Nicole Giesie
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Donations provide support for our emergency aid RAPID RESPONSE fund for MN Veterans and Active Soldiers with financial hardships across ALL MN counties!




Donation Item or Amount: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

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