

### WHO WE ARE

- YOUTH-LED
- SERVICE-FOCUSED
- Non-profit 501 (c)(3)



SUPPORTING SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS,
 AND THEIR FAMILIES



Founding Youth Board Members: Hannah, Sophie, Heather, Walter, Leo, and Taylor







Piatt Wedding January 2, 2023 Founding Board Members

July 1, 2023 – Taylor Army Basic Graduation May 8, 2025 – Sophie Army Basic Graduation

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"TO INSPIRE PATRIOTISM IN FELLOW YOUTH AND ACROSS GENERATIONS BY VOLUNTEERING ON BEHALF OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION."

# WHY WE STARTED YOUTH FOR TROOPS

- Wanting others to have Meaningful experiences
- WITNESSING THAT YOUTH
   COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- WANTING TO PROVIDE FAMILY-FRIENDLY, ALL AGE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES





Meeting and getting autographs from Navajo Code Talkers in Tucson many years ago.

# Care Packages for Deployed Troops Project

- Anthem Civic Building
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month
- 200 packed boxes for deployed service members per meeting

























- Assembled 17,547 care packages for deployed troops since January 2018
- Donations gathered from schools, clubs, and collection bins
- Decorate boxes and write appreciation cards













DONATIONS FOR CARE PACKAGES FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS PROJECT ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.







### CARE PACKING EVENT

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Each Month 5:30-7:00 PM

**Community Service Project** 

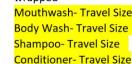




Snack







**Plastic Bandages** 

Pepto Bismol - Travel Size

Cough Drops Razors



Lip Balm Artificial Tears (sun/dust)

Foot Powder- Travel Size Deodorant- Travel Size Toothpaste Travel Size

Dental Floss/Picks- Indiv. wrapped

Mouthwash- Travel Size Body Wash- Travel Size Shampoo- Travel Size

Kleenex- Travel Size

**Baby Wipes** 

**Antiseptic Wipes** Advil - Travel Size

**Hand Warmers** 



Magazines (new or used) **DVDs** 

**Travel Games** Puzzle Books

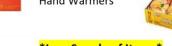
**Books- Paperback Only** 

**Playing Cards** 

#### PACKING SUPPLIES:

Resealable Quart Bags Resealable Gallon Bags Resealable Sandwich Bags Resealable Snack Bags Sharpies Patriotic Stickers Trash Bags Large Plastic Bins w/Lids

















**Anthem Civic Building** 













Granola Bars

Trail Mix

Chips Cookies

Pretzels

**Dried Fruit** 

ITEMS:

Nuts

**PopTarts** 

**Sunflower Seeds** 

Soup Mix

Canned Soup- (Soup on the

Go/Microwave Bowls)

Top Ramen

Canned Pasta- (Single Bowls/Pop Top)

Peanut Butter - (Single

Serve)

Tuna Packets/Kits Chicken Packets/Kits Salmon Packets/Small Cans

Beef Jerky

**Instant Oatmeal Packets** 

**Drink Mix Singles Coffee Singles** 

Tea Bags (indiv. wrapped) Hot Chocolate Packets

### Candy/Mints/Gum

Tabasco Sauce 2 oz. Condiments: Hot Sauce,

Mustard, Relish, Ketchup, Honey,

Syrup, Jelly, Mayo, Dry Creamer,

Sugar, Salt,

Pepper, Sweetener







### **WE GOT MAIL!**



Just received a care package from you guys! Thank you so much! It's the small things like this that makes a difference to our unit. It provides a small taste of home in which we miss the most! Once again I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to do something like this! You guys are amazing! God hless! -



My Navy son who is currently on forward deployment sends a big smile and thank you for the cards and care package from youth for troops



Just got a message from my nephew who is currently deployed overseas. He received care packages from Youth for Troops today! Thank you for all that you do for our active duty military and veterans!!! It was great to hear from him and to know that an unexpected package of goodies was delivered to him. It means a lot!





















ig away from family (Wives, Husbands, Sons, Daughters, Relatives and Friends) is hard...of this there is no doubt. ever... Every once in a while, light shines in the dark, and in that moment the light given produces a smile, warm thoughts overwhelming appreciation for those WE CHOOSE TO SERVE - YOU!

We cannot say thank you enough for the goodies and especially the notes and pictures!!! It warms our hearts when those we love so dearly choose to send us their love in return - and this is what you have done. Our lives are yours to put in the place who danger, in the place of hardship, in the place where so many others before us have gone - wilingly and without reservation or hestitation because we know why we are needed. We do our work in the hope that we will one day rever have to have our loved ones be away again, to live FREE and in PEACE in the country we love so death. The beautiful USA where you, our loved ones, live. Until that day, we will continue to stand watch for you, whatever the cost, and wherever and whenever we are called. Ye also know that you are all at home fighting daily battles and that of COVID 19 - Have FAITH in yourselves and each other

here is an African proverb - "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." With that, all we can say is hank you Thank you Thank you!!!!! The picture attached is those of us stationed here halling from Otis Air National Guard f

The Security Forces from ADAE























**WE GOT MAIL!** 

Do you have a family member or friend deployed?

We would be **honored** to ship care packages to your hero each month!

It is **FREE** to you and we look forward to showing your hero they are appreciated!

Email youth4troops@gmail.com to add a hero to our list!





- Help homeless veterans
- All ages welcome
- Various jobs to work on
- Third Tuesday of each month @ Anthem Civic Building

















Serving Homeless and At Risk Veterans















- 1,178 mats and 4 dog mats made by volunteers
- Keeps homeless veterans off the hot or cold ground and provides shade
- Community service project for all ages
- Teamed with the Federal Women's Prison Camp and encouraged them to give back to the community. The women have completed over 80 mats as part of their community service

### Care Bags for At-Risk Veterans

- Hygiene Items
- Socks
- Snacks
- Blanket
- Water Bottles













Care Bags Completed: 1,160

# YOUTH FOR TROOPS IS HONORED TO ASSEMBLE MOVE-IN BASKETS FOR VETERANS TRANSITIONING FROM HOMELESSNESS













### Move-In Baskets include:

- Bath Towel, Hand Towel, and Washcloth
- Bath Floor Mat
- Full-Size Body Wash, Toothbrush, and Toothpaste
- Kitchen Towels and Oven Mitts
- Cleaning Cloths and Sponges
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent and Fabric Sheets
- Cleaning Products
- Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, and Paper Towels
- Kitchen Spices
- Full-Size Condiments
- Garbage Bags
- Laundry Bag
- Laundry Basket

Move-In Baskets Completed: 296









Youth for Troops is honored to organize volunteers to assemble backto-school backpacks for children of deployed service members and at-risk veterans.

> BACKPACKS ASSEMBLED: 457

June 6th July 4th August 1st September 5<sup>th</sup> October 3rd



### FLAG LINES AND MEALS FOR HONOR FLIGHT ARIZONA VETERANS









Youth for Troops is honored to stand with Arizona Patriot Guard Riders to send off and welcome home WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans from **Honor Flight Arizona** trips.

























### Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



# ★ December 13, 2025 ★ National Wreaths Across America Day



### Help Youth for Troops honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/AZ0178

















Listen to Youth for Troops on iHeart Radio on the Wreaths Across America Radio Station. Thank you to Wreaths Across America Radio for sharing our mission!

We had a wonderful experience talking with Susan Patten for the What's Your Why feature and are excited that parts of the interview will continue to air in the months to come. Check out this inspiring and patriotic station on iHeart Radio!

Here is the link to our interview <a href="https://bit.ly/3sjstoK">https://bit.ly/3sjstoK</a>

## Gary Sinise Foundation

### **Snowball Express**

Honoring and Uplifting Families of Fallen Military Heroes













### R.I.S.E.

Through R.I.S.E. (Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment), we're building specially adapted smart homes for our most severely wounded heroes. We're also providing home modifications, mobility devices, and adapted vehicles to our injured, wounded, ill, and/or aging heroes.









Master Sgt. Israel "DT" Del Toro Awarded the ESPY 2017 Pat Tillman Award for Service

Department of Defense 2017 Warrior Games in Chicago













GOOD LUCK

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The next DOD Warrior Games is scheduled for July in Colorado Springs, CO



### Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade

- Walk parade
- Shake hands and hand out flags
- WALK WITH US NOVEMBER 8th























# Box Decorating and Appreciation Card Drives























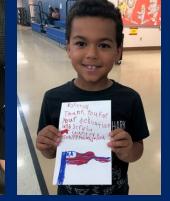






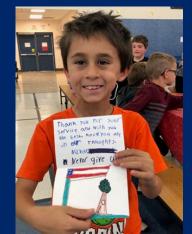




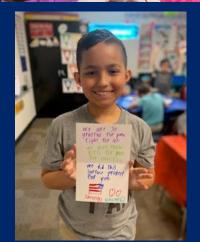












### 2021 Southwest Veterans Foundation PATRIOTS BALL







### Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

Presented to

Youth for Troops

in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

June 1, 2024













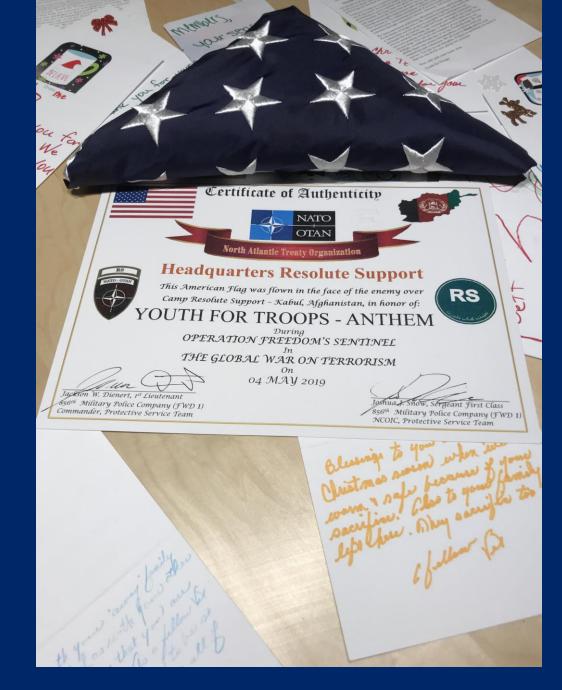












### Mission Success!

- ✓ Monthly Family-friendly Community Service
- ✓ Meaningful Experiences with All Ages
- ✓ Youth Impacting Community
- ✓ Volunteers Have Logged Over **77,455 Volunteer Hours** since 2017
- ✓ Have Completed 1,178 Plastic Mats and
  - 4 dog mats for Homeless Veterans to Date
- ✓ Have Sent 17,547 Care Packages to Date
- ✓ Assembled 1,460 Care Bags for At-Risk Veterans
- ✓ Assembled 457 Back-to-School Backpacks
- ✓ Assembled **296 Move-In Baskets**
- ✓ Raised Over \$263,205 to Cover Shipping Expenses Since January 2018



### Mission Report 2024

"To inspire patriotism in fellow youth and across generations by volunteering on behalf of service members and veterans through community service, advocacy, and education."



### 16.547 Care Packages

shipped to **Deployed Troops** since January 2018



2025 Goal: An additional 4.500 care packages to be shipped in 2025

shared with about ,000 people at events hools, businesses, ar

2021

Volunteer Hours almost 11,273

22,000 people at events

olunteer Shifts: 5,480

olunteer Shifts:

2017

shared with about 400 people at events

2020

2023

olunteer Shifts: almost 4,309

olunteer Shifts almost 1,300

#### \$248,205

raised to cover shipping expenses alone since January 2018



2025 Goal: Raise \$94,000 in 2025 to support all of our projects

#### Total of 1.072 Plastic Mats delivered to homeless veterans in Arizona since 2017



Deliver a total of 1,200 plastic mats by the end of 2025

2018	2019	Since 2017, our amazing volunteers have accomplished.	
Volunteer Shifts: almost 2.750	Volunteer Shifts:		

Care Packages for Deployed Troops Shipped:

The Y4T Mission was shared with about 13,000 people at event schools, businesses, ar

31,830 people at even

Volunteer Hours: 15,27 Care Packages Shipped: 3,543

Plastic Mats for Homeless Veterans:

Back-to-School Backpacks for Children of Deployed &

16,547

1,072

457

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Care Bags for At-Risk Veterans Mission Shared:

for Veterans Transitioning from Homelessness:

165,895

196

Volunteer Shifts

25,283

Volunteer Hours

73,397

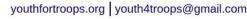
Email us to subscribe to our monthly newsletter, and follow us on our Instagram, Facebook, X, and YouTube pages!

















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#### **Colonel Level Sponsor** (\$5,000+)













VSA-State of Arizona

### **Major Level Sponsor**

(\$1,000 - \$4,999)























Pioneer Arizona Foundation





Apache







**VFW Monfortt** Post 9400

Anthem Tax & Wealth Shred-A-Thon Supporters

Western State Bank - Cause in Your Community

Anthem Country Club Concerts

North Phoenix Elizabeth Starbucks Turner Community



**AZLEOS** 

Tim Pasquarelli

Christina McAchran

SOUTHWEST VETERANS

**Sergeant Level Sponsor** 

(\$100 - \$499)

Bonnie & Robert Smith Four Peaks Women's Club Deborah Manley Annie Houser

Mary Lou Spicer Adam McConnaughy George Vickerman

Kroger Jean ORourke Janet Miller

Pruger Charitable Foundation Dona Granger

Joy Amann Victoria Jones Matthew Spradley





# Want to know an **EASY** and **FREE** way to help **Youth for Troops**?

Believe it or not, many of the grants we apply for ask for details on our outreach and social media impact. You can help us by simply receiving our monthly newsletter, liking and following us on Facebook or Instagam, and subscribing to our YouTube Channel.



**Email us** at youth4troops@gmail.com to receive our monthly newsletter.



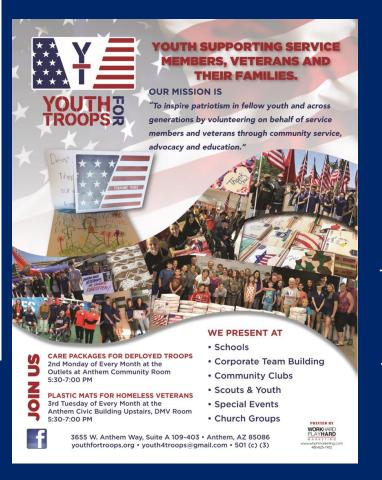
Like Youth for Troops Facebook Page



Follow youth\_for\_troops on Instagram



Subscribe to Youth for Troops YouTube Channel



### How can you help?

Share our story and mission with other groups, schools, businesses and families.

We grow by word of mouth and sharing on social media.
Thank you for supporting our mission!

MOST IMPORTANTLY: Keep our veterans, deployed troops, and their families in your thoughts.

Say THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE when you have an opportunity.



Youth for Troops T-Shirt

Short Sleeve Color: Grey Sizes: Adult Small - 3x Youth Small - Youth Large Suggested Donation: \$20.00



#### R.E.D. Friday T-Shirt

Short Sleeve Color: Red Sizes: Adult Small - 3x Youth Small - Youth Large Suggested Donation: \$20.00



#### Military Days T-Shirt

Short Sleeve Color: Army Green Sizes: Adult XS - 3x

Suggested Donation: \$20.00



#### R.E.D. Friday Shirt

Long Sleeve Color: Red

Sizes: Adult Small - 3x
Suggested Donation: \$20.00



Youth for Troops Hat Embroidered Logo Color: Denim

Suggested Donation: \$20.00



#### Youth for Troops Sweatshirt

Crew Neck Pullover Color: Grey Sizes: Adult Small to 3X

Suggested Donation: \$20.00



#### Youth for Troops Hoodie

Zip-Up Sweatshirt Color: Grey Sizes: Adult Small to 3X Suggested Donation: \$30.00



#### Youth Military Days T-Shirt

Short Sleeve Color: Navy

Sizes: Youth S to Youth L
Suggested Donation: \$20.00



#### Youth for Troops Hat

Embroidered Logo Color: Navy

Suggested Donation: \$20.00



#### Youth for Troops Hat

Embroidered Logo

Color: Khaki and Denim

Suggested Donation: \$20.00



### Reusable Water Bottle

Lights Up and QR Code Link to Military Branch Songs with Lyrics Suggested Donation: \$5.00



USA Banner Flag 3' x 5' with Grommets Suggested Donation: \$5.00



Home of the Free Bumper Sticker Suggested Donation: \$1.00



Proud To Be An American
Bumper Sticker
Suggested Donation: \$1.00



God Bless America Bumper Sticker Suggested Donation: \$1.00



Youth for Troops Sticker Suggested Donation: \$1.00

### Since 2017, our amazing volunteers have accomplished...



Care Packages for Deployed Troops Shipped:



Plastic Mats for Homeless Veterans:



Back-to-School Backpacks for Children of Deployed & Veterans:

457

17,547

1,178



Care Bags for At-Risk Veterans:



Mission Shared:



Move-In Baskets for Veterans Transitioning from Homelessness:

1,460

169,770

296



Volunteer Shifts:



Volunteer Hours:



TROOPS

YOUTH SUPPORTING SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

26,910

77,455