



Standing Strong for Those Who Serve

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, founded in 2003, through a partnership between the Lilly Endowment and the Indiana National Guard Command, dedicated to easing financial burdens and strengthening force readiness.

Why It Matters

When financial hardships strike, our Soldiers and Airmen can lose focus on the mission. Your support keeps them strong, focused, and ready to serve, both at home and abroad.

How We Help

Hardship Grants

We provide fast, compassionate assistance for:

- Housing & utility expenses
- Transportation & insurance costs
- Emergency & unexpected repairs
- Losses from fire or natural disasters
- Other urgent needs impacting readiness
- Emergency gift cards for groceries and gas

When crisis strikes, our Hardship Grants and Emergency Gift Cards offer immediate relief to Service Members and their families facing unexpected financial burdens. Whether it's covering groceries, utilities, rent, or urgent travel needs during family emergencies, these quick-response funds provide hope and stability when it's needed most. With compassion and confidentiality, we stand ready to ensure no Soldier or Airman walks through hardship alone.

Financial Literacy

Since starting in January 2020, we have been equipping Service Members with the tools to take control of their financial future:

- Build and grow savings
- Plan for a secure retirement
- Protect against identity theft
- Create and maintain a practical budget with confidence
- Use credit wisely
- Build long-term wealth
- Strengthen financial stability and reduce stress

Our Financial Readiness & Resiliency Course, launched in January 2020, has already empowered over 600 Soldiers and Airmen with the practical tools and confidence they need to take charge of their money. From ditching the paycheck-to-paycheck cycle, to building stress-free budgets, eliminating debt, saving for retirement, and establishing emergency funds, this course provides real-life skills that create lasting financial strength. Whether they're just starting your financial journey or wanting to sharpen money habits, our mission is to equip every service member with the knowledge, strategies, and support to thrive today – and build a secure tomorrow!

Building Financial Strength, Reducing Financial Strain

From assistance to independence:

Service Members who take our Financial Readiness Course don't come back for hardship help

Our Financial Readiness & Resiliency Course is making a measurable difference. 92% of Service Members who attend never request a hardship grant. Of the 8% who do, less than 1% request assistance after completing the course. Even more encouraging — Service Members who first needed assistance and then took the course do not return for additional help. These results show that financial education works, equipping Service Members with the tools and confidence to move from financial stress to financial strength.

Community Outreach

Behind every uniform is a story, a family, and a united community. We stand beside our Soldiers, Airmen, and their loved ones – offering hope, healing, and connection.

We proudly stand with programs and events that strengthen resilience, foster belonging, and honor the sacrifices of our military families.

- Critical Support Programs: Sexual Assault Support Program, Suicide Prevention, Survivor Outreach Services, Youth Programs, and Leadership Training
- Family & Community Traditions: Christmas at Conner Prairie, Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Honoring Our Fallen: Survivor Transition and Resiliency Retreat (STARR) for Gold Star Families

Every handshake, every shared meal, every moment of comfort reminds our service members they are never alone.

Together, we build a community of strength—one that carries them through every challenge.

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