

Local Nonprofit Sargeant's Army to Hold Inaugural **AMERICAN HEROES GALA**



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Ashley Nevison was named East End Living's 2024 Person of the Year. Currently a freshman at the University of Louisville, Ashley has been busy making a difference in our community. Read on for an update on her latest project.

In 2024, for my 5th year participating as a GivingTuesday Spark and hosting a GivingTuesday project for youth around the country, I decided to add a special and additional project focused on helping homeless veterans across the country. I created the No Soldier Left Behind Project to provide outerwear kits (a jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, two pairs of socks, and a handwritten card in a backpack) to homeless veterans in all 50 states.

Through fundraising and corporate donations, I have distributed more than 1,770 outerwear kits, 1,150 hygiene kits, and 200 dog kits to veterans across the USA. I have hosted packing parties on Veterans Day for the past two years for volunteers to help pack the kits and have engaged over 640 volunteers in meaningful service with this project.

This year my goal is to send out 2,500 outerwear kits across the USA. To accomplish this, my nonprofit, Sargeant's Army, is hosting its inaugural American Heroes Gala at the University Club of Louisville. This event will bring together community members,

businesses, and supporters to honor the men and women who have bravely served our country. The American Heroes Gala will serve as the organization's largest fundraiser of the year with all proceeds directly supporting the 2026 No Soldier Left Behind Project.

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the inaugural American Heroes Gala on June 6, 2026 at 5:30pm at the University Club of Louisville. This special night honors the bravery, service, and sacrifice of our nation's heroes while supporting the mission of Sargeant's Army and our No Soldier Left Behind Project. Guests will enjoy an inspiring program, meaningful connections, and opportunities to give back.

Tickets start at \$150; secure yours now and be part of a night that makes a lasting impact. Visit sargeantsarmy.org to learn more. To purchase tickets, go to: AmericanHero.givesmart.com