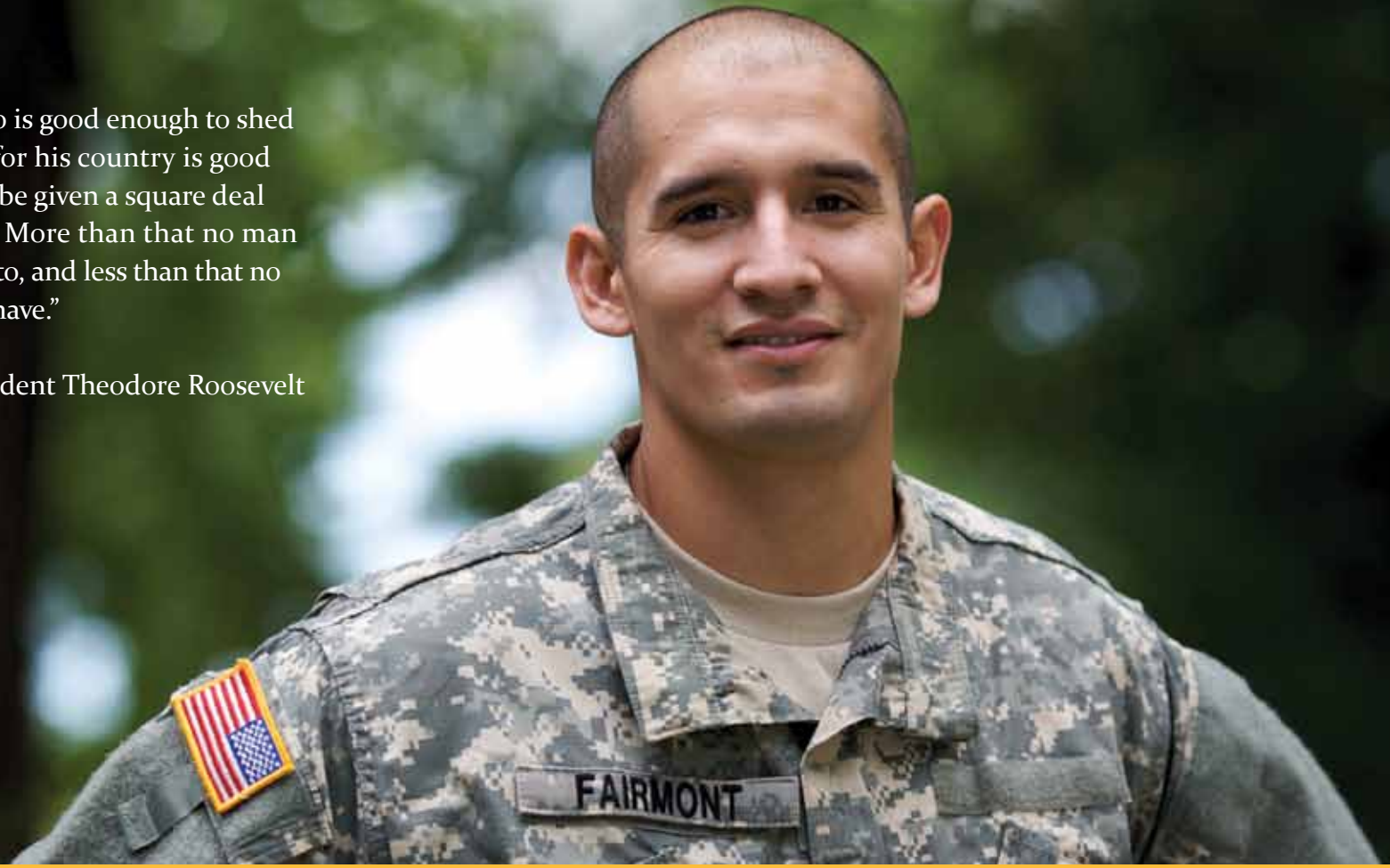


“A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterward. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have.”

President Theodore Roosevelt



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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Operation Healing Freedom

Our Mission

Operation Healing Freedom was established in March 2008 as a joint venture between Chicago Growth Partners, GTCR Golder Rauner, Madison Dearborn Partners, Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe, and the McCormick Foundation. With support from generous citizens and matching funds provided by the McCormick Foundation, Operation Healing Freedom awards grants to nonprofit organizations that focus on meeting specific needs of service members and their families: Adaptive Housing, Family Care, Employment Training, and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Our Progress

As of December 2009, Operation Healing Freedom has awarded \$1,430,000 in grants, including \$500,000 in matching funds from the McCormick Foundation, to 16 organizations that serve our wounded veterans. In 2010, the McCormick Foundation will match the first \$2 million raised at 50 cents on the dollar, up to \$1 million. One hundred percent of all money raised will be granted in support of veterans.

“The financial community is honored to support soldiers and families who have made sacrifices that most of us will never have to make. We believe it is the responsibility of every American to help those who have served to protect us and now need our support.”

David Chandler
Managing Partner
Chicago Growth Partners



The Greatest Sacrifices

Since 2001, more than 1.5 million Americans have been deployed to fight in the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. While advanced technology on the battlefield has saved many lives, it has also created a depth and breadth of physical and mental injuries never before experienced by our armed services or our nation.

- At least 20 percent of our soldiers have suffered a traumatic brain injury.
- More than 300,000 have returned from conflict with post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Of the more than 35,000 who have been seriously wounded, 2,000 have suffered multiple amputations and another 2,000 have been blinded.
- The suicide rate among returning veterans is rising considerably.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has declared that helping veterans transition from military to civilian life is a priority for our country. With donations from private citizens and matching McCormick Foundation dollars, Operation Healing Freedom provides additional resources to reputable nonprofit organizations to help heal veterans and their families.



Making a Difference

Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront offers emergency assistance for troops and their families from all branches of the armed forces. In 2008, Operation Healing Freedom gave \$150,000 to fund Operation Homefront Villages, providing up to six months of transitional housing for service members and their families as they await disposition of their disability benefits.



A young officer was deployed to Iraq from June through December 2006. While there, he sustained multiple injuries: shrapnel to his entire body, the collapse of his right lung, a broken arm, and the amputation of his right leg. His wife and young daughter lived in a hotel near Walter Reed Army Medical Center for 10 months, and then moved to the Fisher House for another year. It was difficult living in transitional homes.

Because of the financial support provided by Operation Healing Freedom, Operation Homefront was able to provide this young family with a fully furnished apartment. “We were able to live normally,” says his wife, “and that helped us have a sense of what life was going to be like after the Army. Thank you, Operation Homefront and your donors, for making our lives so much easier and our new home a reality!”

SHARE Initiative and the Shepherd Center

At any given time, 10 to 15 service members are receiving treatment through the SHARE Initiative at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. This 132-bed hospital specializes in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injuries and brain injuries. In 2008, Operation Healing Freedom provided \$150,000 to the SHARE Initiative to help veterans receive treatment at the Shepherd Center.

An Iraq war veteran was injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated below his Humvee. He suffered a broken back, a traumatic brain injury and paralysis from the chest down.

The veteran was treated extensively at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. and James A. Haley



VA Medical Center in his hometown of Tampa, Florida, and told his treatment there was finished. Through Operation Healing Freedom, he was able to join the Beyond Therapy program at the Shepherd Center. After just four weeks in the program, he was able to walk with assistance. Now 23, he continues to participate in the program, and is looking forward to a new career in aeronautical engineering.

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) has been labeled the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. TBI can present itself as severe, moderate, or mild; mild cases (MTBI) are often confused with other injuries such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It is reported that as many as 18 percent of military troops have suffered a MTBI, which can cause serious long-term physical and mental problems.



Through a \$115,000 grant from Operation Healing Freedom, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Brain Injury Medicine and Rehabilitation Program began the MTBI Military Patient Project in 2009 to ensure that military service

members with MTBI are identified and properly treated. To date, a total of 70 veterans have received medical and diagnostic testing. Continued funding is needed in order to meet the needs of an ever-growing population of veterans with MTBI.

Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship

The significant injuries sustained by today's veterans have created a great need for scholarships for military spouses who must now become primary breadwinners. The National Military Family Association recognizes their unique challenges, and provides scholarship funds to pay tuition, fees, and school room and board.



"I'm trying to make the best of the cards that life has dealt me," says one spouse whose husband survived multiple life-long injuries. Now financially responsible for her husband and two autistic children, this spouse is receiving the education she needs to enter the workplace.

"I hope one day I can provide counseling to military families, disabled veterans and those with disabled children."

Honoring Their Service

The men and women who protect and maintain the freedoms that all Americans enjoy are often faced with unique challenges. With your help, Operation Healing Freedom can honor their sacrifices and give back to those who have given so much for us.

Operation Healing Freedom provides grants to nonprofit organizations that focus on meeting specific needs of service members and their families: Adaptive Housing, Family Care, Employment Training, and Traumatic Brain Injury.

The McCormick Foundation manages and administers the program, and pays for all administrative costs, allowing all funds and matching dollars to be granted in support of veterans.

“Operation Healing Freedom is a vital partnership with the private equity and financial industry who have assumed a profound level of responsibility for our veterans who have risked all to defend our freedom and protect our democratic society,” says David D. Hiller, president and CEO of the McCormick Foundation. “Their commitment and support, along with the Foundation’s match, have helped ensure that these brave men and women have the best care and the best start with their new lives at home.”

“I am proud to join the McCormick Foundation in this effort to ensure that wounded veterans, soldiers and their families receive the quality care they deserve,” says Tim Sullivan, a United States Naval Academy graduate and managing director of Madison Dearborn Partners.





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*“Operation Healing Freedom seeks to heal
those who have protected and defended
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Jack Amberg
Senior Director, Veterans Program
McCormick Foundation

About the Sponsor Firms

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About the McCormick Foundation



The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. It was established as a charitable trust in 1955 upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest charities, with more than \$1 billion in assets. For more information, please visit www.McCormickFoundation.org.



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Operation Healing Freedom Grants and Programs

Adaptive Housing

Home for Our Troops (Taunton, Mass.) **\$250,000**

For specially adapted homes for severely injured veterans

ADAPTIVE HOUSING TOTAL **\$250,000**

Family Care

Armed Services YMCA of the USA (Alexandria, Va.) **\$25,000**

For the Children's Waiting Room and Heroes Home programs

Fisher House Foundation, Inc. **\$200,000**

For general support of residential facilities for wounded veterans and their families receiving treatment from VA hospitals and medical centers

Honor Flight Chicago **\$20,000**

To thank Chicago veterans by bringing them to Washington D.C. for a day of honor

John Marshall Law School (Chicago) **\$50,000**

For the Veterans Legal Support Center and Clinic

Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago **\$25,000**

For the Veterans Rights Project providing individual legal advocacy for more than 150 disabled veterans from Cook County

National Military Family Association, Inc. (Alexandria, Va.) **\$25,000**

For the Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship program offering more than 300 scholarships each year to spouses of wounded veterans

Operation Homefront, Inc. (Santa Ana, Calif.) **\$150,000**

For Operation Homefront Villages, which provide up to six months of transitional housing for service members as they await disposition of their disability benefits

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law **\$10,000**

To support the Meeting the Needs of Military Veterans, Service Members and Their Families Program

Our Military Kids, Inc. (McLean, Va.) **\$25,000**

For educational scholarships, including tutoring, academic enrichment classes and SAT preparation

FAMILY CARE TOTAL **\$530,000**

Employment Training

Albany Park Community Center, Inc. (Chicago) **\$70,000**

For Veterans Workforce Development program

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago **\$65,000**

For Veterans Supportive Services, which includes residential programs providing assistance with resumes, interviewing, job identification and placement

Easter Seals (Chicago) **\$100,000**

For Operation Employ Veterans, a new initiative providing re-entry and employment assistance for wounded veterans, as well as training, information and resources to Chicago-area employers interested in hiring disabled veterans

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING TOTAL **\$235,000**

Traumatic Brain Injury

Casa Colina, Inc. (Pomona, Calif.) **\$150,000**

For the Wounded Warrior / Traumatic Brain Injury program, which supports continuum of care services that are not reimbursed through the Veterans Administration and Tricare, the military's managed-care system

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago **\$115,000**

For the Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Military Patient project, which provides screening and rehabilitation services to 300 service members

Shepherd Center, Inc. (Atlanta) **\$150,000**

For the SHARE Initiative program, which supports rehabilitation services that are not covered by Tricare, the military's managed-care system

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY TOTAL **\$415,000**

OPERATION HEALING FREEDOM GRAND TOTAL **\$1,430,000**

Grants awarded as of December, 2009