

Operation Homefront

“Operation Homefront is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization which provides emergency assistance for military troops in the United States and abroad. The organization raises funds to support the troops and the families they leave behind when participating in a tour of duty. Operation Homefront also provides support to injured military personnel when they return home. Operation Homefront has more than 4,000 volunteers and 31 chapters nationwide. Since its creation in 2001, Operation Homefront has helped over 45,000 military families and military personnel returning from duty.”

Primary Assistance:

Emergency Aid, Computer Program, Financial Assistance Program, Furniture Program, Moving Services, Social Outreach, and Community, etc.

Website:

<http://www.operationhomefront.net/index.asp>

AnySoldier.com

AnySoldier.com is a site that helps people send care packages to currently serving troops. When you visit the site, you can go to one of four “sub-sites.” There’s AnyMarine.com, AnySailor.com, AnyAirman.com, and AnyCoastGuard.com. Under each site, click on the “Where to Send” page and pick a troop that you would like to support. Just follow the guidelines on what to send and what not to send. Trust me, you will make a soldier’s day... even if its just simply a card! :)

Primary Assistance:

Care Packages and support for military personnel.

Website:

<http://www.anysoldier.com/>

National Military Family Association (NMFA) & Operation Purple

The NMFA is one of those “everything organizations” for military families. The NMFA provides all kinds of services and support. The NMFA is also an advocate for the rights and improvements of military families’ lives. Operation Purple is a camp for teens and kids of deployed military personnel. Its almost like any other summer camp, except that the kids are given “tools” to learn to deal with their parent’s deployment. Check NMFA and Operation Purple websites for even more information.

Primary Assistance:

Advocacy, Resources, Support, Financial Assistance, etc.

Websites:

<http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer>

http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=op_default

Fisher House

A Fisher House is “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 43 Fisher Houses located on 18 military installations and 13 VA medical centers. One more house is under construction.

Primary Assistance:

Providing a “home away from home” for families of soldiers receiving medical care away from their normal home.

Website:

<http://www.fisherhouse.org/index.html>

Blue Star Mothers of America & American Gold Star Mothers

Blue Star Mothers of America is a support organization for mothers of children serving in the military. American Gold Star Mothers is very similar except that it is for mothers who have lost a child who served in the military.

Primary Assistance:

Support of military moms.

Website:

<http://www.bluestarmothers.org/mc/page.do>

<http://www.goldstarmoms.com/index.htm>

American Red Cross

Good ol' Red Cross. Need I say more?

Primary Assistance:

Everything.

Website:

<http://www.redcross.org/>