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USA Cares gives \$1 million in assistance in record time

RADCLIFF, KY With a husband suffering from lung and spine disease after his tour in Iraq, bills piling up, and seven children to care for, the military spouse was at a loss. She wasn't sure if anyone could help them catch up on their bills while her husband awaited a lung transplant and Department of Veterans Affairs reviewed their case.

That's when USA Cares stepped in and provided a \$1,495 grant to pay bills, helping the family get back on its feet financially and providing a ray of hope through the clouds of heartache. And in doing so, USA Cares surpassed \$1,000,000 in direct support to families in just seven months of its fiscal year and on pace for another record breaking year. Currently USA Cares has over 600 open cases being worked by a dedicated staff and volunteers.

"Families like this are the reason USA Cares exists," said Roger Stradley, founder of USA Cares, Operations Director and a retired command sergeant major in the U.S. Army. "They have done so much for our nation, yet sometimes find themselves in tough situations financially. Our mission is to assist them through grants, friendship, and advice with the goal of restoring the dignity they deserve."

Since 2003, USA Cares has given millions of dollars in grants to assist military families with basic living needs. "This year has proven to be one of high demand" noted Stradley, "as the subprime mortgage crisis and other economic factors have made it difficult for some military families to keep up with mounting bills coupled with the continuing surge of troop strength in Iraq. We've seen an increase in requests and many of the stories we hear are incredibly moving" said Stradley. "But that's why we're here: To help in tough times. Our men and women in uniform deserve nothing less."

About USA Cares

USA Cares is a non-profit organization recognized by the IRS as tax exempt under the provisions of IRS Section 501(c)(3). It is chartered to serve military Service Members of all ranks and branches and their families with direction and advice along with grant assistance for quality of life needs caused by military service or mission. Continuing into their fifth year of noteworthy accomplishments, USA Cares has received requests from thousands of Service Members and families with millions of dollars in organizational and found resources provided. In partnership with The Homeowners Preservation Foundation, USA Cares has also saved hundreds of military homes from foreclosure across the Nation. Funding for the organization is provided through the generous contributions of corporations, organizations and individuals. USA Cares continues to operate at greater than 90 percent ratio of contributed mission dollars. For more information on USA Cares contact us at jrevell@usacares.org and visit www.usacares.org.

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