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## California Community Foundation Provides Substantial Grant to USA Cares

**Radcliff, KY** USA Cares Executive Director Bill Nelson announced today that the organization had received a \$2,000,000 grant from the Iraq Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund of the California Community Foundation. The notification, which was accompanied by the first of two checks for \$1,000,000, was the third time IADIF has granted funds to USA Cares, which has been assisting post 9/11 US Military Veterans and their families since its inception in 2003.

Nelson went on to say “We are very proud and appreciative that the Iraq Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund has again selected USA Cares for this funding. Since the first time that they assisted us, our case load has nearly tripled. Our three main areas of assistance to Veterans and their families are helping the visibly and invisibly wounded get the treatment needed to return to normal life, insuring that military families can remain in their home during this housing and credit crisis and helping with quality of life issues when service has impacted them financially. Our National Guard and Reserve clients are still the most impacted since they have been hardest hit by income fluctuations and overall economic factors.”

Nelson also remarked that one of the most satisfying elements to this grant is that USA Cares has repeatedly been invited back to apply for additional IADIF funding. “It is clear that our approach to full disclosure and our commitment to the provision of excellent services have helped build a level of trust between USA Cares and our contributors that has helped us reach this milestone”.

### **About IADIF and the California Community Foundation**

The Iraq Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund was established to address the unmet needs of men, women and families affected by deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan, and is administered by the California Community Foundation. Founded in 1915, the California Community Foundation is one of the leading philanthropic organizations in Los Angeles County, managing more than \$1 billion in assets.



Jennifer Robinson, Director of Fund Development and Bill Nelson, Executive Director receives check.

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**About USA Cares**

USA Cares is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that helps military families bear the burdens of service with financial and advocacy support. Its mission: To assist wounded heroes and their families, to prevent home foreclosures and evictions and to help with basic needs during financial crisis. In five years, USA Cares has received more than 13,000 requests and distributed more than \$5 million in grants. Military families anywhere in America can apply for assistance through the USA Cares web site, <http://www.usacares.org/> or by calling 1-800-773-0387. For more information on USA Cares contact John Revell, [jrevell@usacares.org](mailto:jrevell@usacares.org) or (270) 352-5451.

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