



# TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN

For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians.

**DONATE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE  
FOUR OFFICIAL AIR FORCE CHARITIES!**



# ABOUT AFAF

The Air Force Assistance Fund is an annual effort to raise funds for the charities that provide support to our Air Force family in need (active duty, retirees, reservists, guards, and our dependents, including surviving spouses).

The four charities provide support in an emergency, with educational needs, or help to secure a retirement home for widows or widowers of our Air Force members in need of financial assistance.

Your contributions to the Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) will lend critical support to your fellow Airmen, Guardians, and their families — active duty and retired, officers and enlisted. Because of your gifts, we can help with emergency needs, educational assistance, and family support...and provide comfort and dignity to Air Force and Space Force widows and widowers.

Thanks to your gifts, wherever Airmen, Guardians, and their families are, the Air Force Assistance Fund charities are there to help. Without your generosity, we could not serve you, your friends, your families, and your heroes, when you need us.

Your AFAF charities—supporting Airmen, Guardians & family members from entry through retirement.

And one day, should you or your family need us, an AFAF charity will be there for you because Airmen & Guardians take care of our own. If you know of someone in need, please contact the appropriate AFAF charity – it is our mission to serve the Air Force Family. Your support reaches Airmen & Guardians and their loved ones around the world. From their hearts to yours, thank you for your gift. Contributions to the AFAF Campaign qualify as IRS charitable contributions.

[AFAssistanceFund.org](https://AFAssistanceFund.org)

A man in a U.S. Air Force uniform is smiling and holding a baby. The man is wearing a camouflage uniform with "U.S. AIR FORCE" visible on the chest. The baby is wearing a green shirt and is smiling. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

**YOUR GIFT WILL  
TRAVEL THE WORLD  
TO HELP AIRMEN  
& GUARDIANS.**

## Our History

In 1961, Mrs. Helen LeMay, wife of General Curtis LeMay, launched a campaign to establish a retirement home exclusively serving Air Force widows with the mission to **“Take Care of Our Own.”** Three years later, Air Force Village was created as a 501(c)(3) organization to broaden the reach of support. Now known as Blue Skies of Texas, our award-winning Continuing Care Retirement Community continues the important work of **taking care of our own** with our charitable arm, the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation (AFVCF).

## Our Purpose

Central to our mission is prioritizing Air Force retirees needing financial assistance. Today, the AFVCF offers donors over a dozen funds to support enrich the lives of our 1,000+ residents. One of the significant tenets of our mission is **“The Promise,”** allowing our residents to feel a sense of security and comfort, knowing that they will be taken care of for the rest of their life with compassion and dignity, no matter what services they need as they age.

## Our Impact

Since we opened our doors in 1970, the AFVCF has provided invaluable assistance to hundreds of Air Force veterans. Over 92% of those receiving assistance reside in assisted living, skilled nursing, or memory care, truly in the most vulnerable phase of their lives. Increased longevity and rising healthcare costs have created a crisis for many seniors, veterans included, but your generosity guarantees that our Air Force retirees and their spouses always have a home here at Blue Skies of Texas at Air Force Village. Our community organizations are constantly growing and have additional funds that can assist individual programs related to wellness and on-campus activities.



Since we opened our doors in 1970, **\$26M** has been given in assistance, serving over **600** residents.



**Col. John Siebert and his late wife, Walta “Butch” Siebert, moved to Blue Skies of Texas in 2021 so that Butch could be cared for in our award-winning Alzheimer’s and Dementia Research Center, Freedom House.**

*“The team at Blue Skies of Texas made the process easy. Butch moved to Freedom House two months before I moved down. I thought it was best to take care of selling the house because she would have been confused and not understood what was going on. It was a little bit of a transition. It takes time to get used to making a move like this. Freedom House is such a nice place. The staff is so considerate and accommodating. You can stay for hours and not feel uncomfortable. In other words, they’re well trained and most have been here for a long time. You can tell they really love the residents,” John said.*

## Your Help

As one of the four official Air Force charities, we are proud to represent Mrs. LeMay’s vision. Our residents have not only had long, honorable careers in the military, but also in hospitals, schools, government, and other institutions providing significant positive impact to their communities. We continue the practice of taking care of our own, working to fulfill the mission of assisting retired Air Force veterans of all backgrounds who faithfully stood alongside their loved ones. We are truly grateful for our many generous donors, including those who donate through the Air Force Assistance Fund and our Air Force Spouses’ Clubs worldwide. We invite you to join them by making your donation today.

To contribute to the AFVCF, please call our Development Office at **(210) 568-3206**.

You can also visit our website at **afvgiving.org** to learn more.

# AIR & SPACE FORCES AID SOCIETY

For more than eight decades, the **Air & Space Forces Aid Society (AFAS)** has remained committed to taking care of our own. As the official charity of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force, AFAS is the trusted partner for financial assistance that helps Airmen, Guardians, and their families remain stable and mission-ready. We help Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Retired, and their spouses and dependents.

Each year, thousands turn to AFAS as they navigate the unique challenges of military life. While much has changed over the last 80 years, our mission remains constant: To help Airmen and Guardians when they need us most.

Every day, Airmen and Guardians serve with integrity, courage, and dedication. AFAS's ability to meet their evolving needs is made possible through the continued generosity of donors like you. Thank you for making a difference.

## Financial Assistance

When unexpected emergencies arise, AFAS provides no-interest loans and grants to help meet immediate needs such as rent, utilities, food, vehicle repairs, emergency travel, and other essential expenses.

## Scholarships & Education Support

A full range of scholarships, education grants, and student loans is available to help the dependent children and spouses of Airmen and Guardians pursuing college, vocational training, or continuing education.

## Community Programs

AFAS understands the challenges of military life and offers childcare assistance, car seat grants, new parenting classes, and other services to help families stay mission-ready.

## Disaster Relief

When hurricanes, wildfires, floods, or other natural disasters strike, AFAS provides fast, flexible financial assistance to ensure families have immediate access to safe lodging, food, clothing, essential items, and critical recovery resources.

**AFAS.ORG**  
**703-972-2650**



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Kayleigh Long joined the Air Force in August of 2019, and separated from the Air Force when she gave birth to her first child, Thatcher, in the winter of 2023. Shortly after he was born, Thatcher's pediatrician recommended a cranial helmet to correct the shape of his skull. The cost of the helmet was \$1,620.

When Kayleigh heard the cost of this intervention she says, "As a new family, just figuring it out, a cranial helmet did not fit in the budget at all. We were overwhelmed."

Insurance would not cover the cost of the helmet, but a former co-worker suggested she look into financial assistance from Air & Space Forces Aid Society. The M&FRC at Luke Air Force Base walked her through the application process, and her request was approved. Thatcher began treatment at just three months old.

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Today, Thatcher is a bouncing and energetic toddler. Kayleigh says, "He is doing amazing. Thanks to AFAS, we were able to stick with the recommended quick timeline, with a second helmet to complete the treatment. And now, when you look at his head and you can't even tell we had any issues."

# AIR FORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE

## Our Mission is Simple

The Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) is a 501c3 nonprofit 55+ retirement community located near Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field in the heart of the Emerald Coast of Florida. The AFEV mission is simple: To provide a home for surviving Air and Space Force enlisted spouses, AF and SF enlisted retirees, and AF and SF enlisted retired couples looking to live out their golden years in a community based on shared experiences.

## Our Community

Since 1968, we have created a thriving community at Bob Hope Village, our independent living community with 6 villages and over 500 residents, and at Hawthorn House, our assisted living and memory support wing with over 65 residents. Both communities offer our residents daily activities, bus trips to the store or local events, rousing games of Wii Bowling, library and puzzle rooms, gardens ready for planting and puttering, fitness rooms and exercise classes, or simply the chance to enjoy time with other residents in the common areas with resident BBQs and potlucks. The possibilities are endless!

## Why We Do It

We take pride in knowing we can offer a home to our Air and Space Force surviving spouses who may otherwise face housing insecurity, extending our resources and support to make sure no one is turned away. Through your generosity and donations from the Air Force Assistance Fund we can continue to fulfill this benevolent mission, to make sure these surviving spouses are well cared for.

## Your Support is Invaluable

Because of you, AFEV residents lead happy, healthy, and active lives in a safe and secure community with their pride and independence intact. It is a privilege to be placed alongside these charities who all work toward one common goal – **To Take Care of Our Own.**

We thank you again for your contribution, and you can rest assured knowing your support directly affected someone who once walked in your shoes.



**AFEV.US**  
**800-258-1413**



**“Our ability to provide this special community for military surviving spouses like Margaret wouldn’t be possible without YOU!”**

Your generosity makes a profound impact on the lives of military surviving spouses like Margaret. At the Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV), your support creates a nurturing and vibrant community where residents can find comfort, connection, and purpose. Margaret found a renewed sense of purpose and community after moving here. Lonely following the loss of her husband to cancer five years ago, Margaret made the move to Bob Hope Village for a sense of community. “When I first arrived, I could just feel the love,” Margaret shared. “I’m so blessed to be here.” Like other residents at Bob Hope Village and Hawthorn House, Margaret is so appreciative of the care she receives and the services and activities available to her.

**YOUR GIFT MATTERS – WE APPRECIATE YOU**

# LEMAY FOUNDATION

GENERAL AND MRS. CURTIS E.

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The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation's mission is to help sustain financial stability for surviving spouses of Airmen & Guardian retirees. We are dedicated to helping these spouses remain in their homes, close to their family and friends, honoring the visions of our founders. Your generosity plays a crucial role in ensuring that these spouses, who supported their families during their military service and throughout retirement, know they are not forgotten. LeMay Monthly Supplemental Grants help ease everyday living expenses, including personal care, transportation services, and meal deliveries. Together as an Air Force and Space Force family, we can uphold their promise. When you give to the Air Force Assistance Fund, you help provide a brighter future for military spouses.

## Who We Help

The LeMay Foundation actively supports surviving spouses—widows and widowers—of Air and Space Force retirees, including both enlisted personnel and officers. We prioritize those with limited financial resources who face challenges with their daily living expenses. We aim to provide thoughtful support that addresses their specific needs, empowering them to maintain a stable and dignified life after the loss of their partner.

## How We Help

Financial support is given nationwide for as long as necessary to eligible spouses who need monthly assistance. One-time disbursements are granted for unplanned expenses that may occur. Your contributions help with essential needs, such as medical and dental expenses. The supplemental income from The LeMay Foundation does not require repayment, as we do not offer loans.

## Why We Do It

The Foundation stands strong on *"Taking Care of Our Own."* It is our commitment to carry on this important mission of helping surviving spouses remain in their homes. We take pride in caring for military spouses by enhancing their quality of life with comfort and security. They dedicated their lives to supporting their families and should be recognized for their service. Thank you for your continued contributions—We couldn't do this without your kind heart.



**Dear LeMay Foundation, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude in your financial assistance to me while in my dire need. Sudden and unexpected circumstances hindered me in my day-to-day living, and my financial status resulted in surviving beyond my normal means. Your foundation has helped me regain confidence and helped me readjust to my immediate living conditions in regaining normality. I just didn't know what to do without your kindness and humanitarian assistance to me. I am extremely grateful to you for your help. Many kind thanks, and God bless you all.**

— Mrs. Aikaterini in Kelso, WA - Current recipient receiving LeMay's supplemental grant.

**LeMay-Foundation.org**  
**951-653-3820**



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- ▶ Contact your Squadron Key Worker to give cash or check, or sign up for payroll deduction allotments.

