

The UVCOC Is Proud To Shine A Light On The Great Work Being Done By Our Members

The Home Front Military Network (HFMN) is an Affiliate Member of the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado. The HFMN is the product of a merger between The Home Front Cares and Peak Military Care Network, two nonprofits with a long history of supporting our military and veteran community. We merged in January 2020 and have continued the work of both organizations in a more streamlined, impactful way. HFMN's mission is to connect military service members, veterans and their families to resources offered by our trusted community partners and to provide emergency financial assistance. As a result of our merger and the pandemic we saw a 300% increase in call volume in 2020 and continue to see an increase in needs, with a 15% increase in calls for assistance above 2020's historic levels in 2021. In 2021 we provided more than \$241,000 in financial assistance, keeping more than 160 vulnerable veterans and families from becoming homeless or without basic needs. In addition to direct financial assistance, HFMN provides general navigation (case management) support, as individuals and families call us with not just one need, but many needs, and the complexity of these needs requires a great deal personal support in order to address immediate financial or other crises, as well as address longer term needs in order to help veterans and families become and remain self-sufficient and support their overall health and well-being.

HFMN supports our military and veteran community through our core programs:

- **Navigation or Case Management** support for individuals and families who have multiple or complex needs, or who find the myriad of local services intimidating or overwhelming.
- **Financial Bridge Support** through emergency assistance for basic life necessities such as rent/mortgage, utilities, groceries, and transportation.
- **Information & Assistance**, connecting individuals and families to critical services provided by HFMN and military, VA and community resources, including our trusted community partners.
- We provide **Education & Outreach** in a variety of ways to make sure those who need assistance know how to connect, ideally before they are in crisis.

We also facilitate a collaboration of nearly 50 [partner agencies](#) to help minimize duplication and fragmentation of services and help streamline access to critical services. Our collaborative efforts include hosting monthly partner trainings for military, VA and community partners; collecting and sharing aggregate data to track

trends and gaps in services to address the changing needs of our military and veteran community; and supporting communication and information-sharing to offer veterans, active duty personnel, Guard and Reserve members, and military and veteran family members robust, holistic assistance to address the unique needs and challenges of our military and veteran community.

One of the ways we seek to share information about the many resources available to service members, veterans and families is through our [Network of Care](#) website. This online resource includes:

- Easy access to many resources through an online [service directory](#), available 24/7
- Quick links to education, employment and veteran services for Colorado veterans and military spouses
- A [Community Calendar](#) of events—with information about employment and resource fairs, educational webinars, health and financial events
- Secure storage of important documents (DD214, medical and legal records, school transcripts, etc.)
- A [library](#) of key topics and information, including health and behavioral health topics, a database of medications
- A page dedicated to crisis services, including [suicide prevention](#)
- And much more!

Because there is so much information on this site, we also have an [online contact form](#) so that those who are overwhelmed or don't know where to start can fill out this form which will go directly to HFMN case managers who can provide personalized assistance.

The HFMN has been using the Network of Care since 2011 and continue to grow the content on the site, particularly as we expand our capacity and serve veterans and families throughout Colorado. I hope this resource can help UVC members find resources and help connect those in need, so please let me know if there is anything we can do to help share information. It is just one leg in our state's many-legged stool to assist our military and veteran community. I will also think on how best to share information on the HFMN partners so folks can connect with them directly, too.



Assisting Service Members, Veterans & Families