



## *Celebrating the Holidays with* **SOLDIERS' ANGELS**

Affording holiday gifts for your family can be hard. Doing so on deployment and on a Military or Veteran family budget is even harder. So once again, Soldiers' Angels is making this holiday season a little easier for our Military and Veteran families through the Adopt-A-Family program.

### **What is the Soldiers' Angels Adopt-A-Family Program?**

The Soldiers' Angels Holiday Adopt-A-Family program helps businesses, organizations, and individuals support qualified Military and Veteran families who could use some help providing the holiday celebration their families deserve. Together, we are helping America show its gratitude for the sacrifices our Service Members and their families are making to defend our great Nation.

### **Program Impact**

Last year, our sponsoring Angels came out in full force to show their gratitude for our Nation's Service Members, Veterans, and their families. Thanks to those incredible sponsors, nearly 5,000 Military and Veteran children were able to receive the holiday celebration they deserved!

- 1,758 Military and Veteran families supported
- 4,495 children supported
- 7,900 Christmas or holiday gifts sent to families
- \$555,572 in gifts provided to supported families

### **How it Works**

Veteran and Military families in need of additional support this holiday season can visit [SoldiersAngels.org/Adopt-A-Family](https://SoldiersAngels.org/Adopt-A-Family) between September 22 - December 1, 2023 to learn more and apply.

Once applied, families are placed on a priority placement list. Families who have not participated in the Adopt-A-Family program in the past and those with the greatest need receive priority.

Once accepted, families are adopted by Soldiers' Angels sponsors. At minimum, sponsors who adopt a family provide gifts for the children and a grocery gift card to offset the purchase of a holiday dinner and its trimmings.

### **Program Eligibility**

In 2022, nearly 1,800 families were supported through the Adopt-A-Family program. However, additional sponsors were lined up to adopt even more families. This year, Soldiers' Angels is doubling down on its outreach efforts in order to connect all those who want to show their gratitude to Military and Veteran families.

The 2023 goal is to increase the number of families supported by at least 10%! Please help us reach 1,923 or more and get them the support they deserve.

The following families are eligible based on financial need:

- E1 - E6 Deployed Service Members who are registered with Soldiers' Angels and approved for Deployed Support, and will be deployed through December 25, 2023;
- E1 - E6 Active Duty, Guard, Reserves who have a letter of recommendation from a Chaplain, Leadership, or other Military support agency
- Honorably discharged Post-911 wounded, ill, or injured Service Members or Veterans; and
- HUD/VASH Veteran families.

To be eligible, all Military or Veteran families must be a legal guardian to one or more children, aged 18 and under, living in the home and not yet graduated from high school.

*Interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Family program?*

Visit [SoldiersAngels.org/Adopt-A-Family](https://SoldiersAngels.org/Adopt-A-Family) for more information and contact us at:

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Sign up now to receive emails regarding this year's Holiday Adopt-A-Family program: [soldiersangels.org/aaf\\_notifications](https://soldiersangels.org/aaf_notifications)