DEAR FRIEND OF THE CARRINGTON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

There are times when a simple thank you falls short. This is one of those times. During the past year, the Carrington Charitable Foundation has done much to assist Veterans initiatives that enable Mobility, Stability, Purpose and Prosperity for U.S. servicemen and women returning from post-9/11 conflicts. We could not have done it without your generous support.

The 9th Annual CCF Golf Classic on Oct. 14 raised $1.8 million for CCF’s Veterans Support Programs; and you have enabled us to accomplish so much more.

With your help, we have been able to assist the Veterans Airlift Command in transporting more than 17,300 passengers on more than 7,200 missions to since 2008.

With your support, we have been able to build 23 custom, adaptive homes for Veterans and their families through Carrington House, with at least a dozen more home builds we were able to refer to partner organizations. In the past year, three Veteran families moved into their new Carrington House home; and during the next year we plan to complete four more homes. The homes built by Carrington House will serve Veterans and their families for generations.

Through your generosity, we will continue to honor our commitment to the Travis Mills Foundation and its mission to support post-9/11 Veterans and their families through long-term rehabilitation programs at the Travis Mills Foundation Retreat. We also will continue to assist The Honor Foundation, which helps U.S. Special Operations Forces service members transition to life after service with an eye towards expanding that reach to a wider Veterans community membership.

These ongoing successes would not have been possible without your generous donations and assistance. In the near future, and in the years to come, we will continue to do much for Veterans and other worthy nonprofit causes. We will do it together. The Veterans CCF is able to assist appreciate you; CCF Chairman and my wife, Rosemary, appreciates you; and I appreciate you.

For now, thank you again for everything you do. Just as the sacrifices made by those who protect our freedoms endure, the successes created by your support are everlasting.

Because of you, we honor our commitments and keep our promises to these American Heroes.

With warm personal regards,

Bruce Rose
CARRINGTON FOUNDER & CEO
CARRINGTON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS UPDATES

It is a privilege to share updates on four Veterans who will each be receiving a home through Carrington House thanks to the generous support of our donors. For each, a future home will bring welcome stability for these American heroes and their families. Each of these men has his own unique story of service, loss, recovery and triumph.

UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST MICHAEL LISCOM

Michael Liscomb and his wife, Desiree, have completed the design process for their modular home, and construction currently is in progress. The home should be completed by the end of the year, so the couple with their children can enjoy a fresh start in a new home in a new year. The couple said the house brings a new sense of freedom in a new chapter.

Michael was born in Lewiston, Maine, on July 23, 1987. He joined the U.S. Army in August 2007, attending basic training at Fort Benning, GA, before being deployed to Nasiriyah, Iraq, on April 2008. While on deployment, he sustained injuries when his Humvee was hit by another vehicle. After months of treatment, he developed a bone infection and had to have his left leg amputated above the knee in 2016. Since that time, Michael has worked with the Travis Mills Foundation as an ambassador and a volunteer. A sled hockey player and outdoor sportsman, he enjoys hunting, fishing and golf. He refuses to view his injuries as an excuse or setback.

“I’m not a wounded Veteran anymore,” says Michael. “I’m a recalibrated Veteran who can tackle the world.”

Michael and Desiree have a daughter, Mackenzie, and a son, Grant, who mean the world to them. Michael is thankful for the support of his family and the Travis Mills Foundation, his “second family.”

“I am most excited to have a place that my family and I can call our home,” says Michael. “Since being out of the Army, I’ve slept on friends’ couches, and at my in-law’s house. The one thing that I am most excited about is having a home that’s ours, where I have no limitations and can live freely.”
The Miles family recently closed escrow on the land for their new home. They have been working with a home builder to finalize the floorplan, having just received their first set of plans for review. The couple was selecting finishes for their home at the time of this writing.

Matthew Miles was born in Painesville, Ohio, and graduated from Peoria High School in 1995, where he met his now-wife, Maria. After graduation, he attended college, but since he had always been drawn to the military, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1998 as an Airborne Combat Engineer. He went on to complete numerous deployments, including Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. During his deployment in Afghanistan in 2007, Matthew was severely wounded when an improvised explosive device (IED) hit his vehicle. His injuries were widespread, including a fracture in his right ankle, a broken hyoid bone, partially torn retina, torn ligaments in both shoulders, a broken left hand and ultimately the loss of his left leg. After medically retiring from the military in 2011, Matthew graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Texas at San Antonio with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Real Estate Finance and Development.

“I’m excited to have a totally accessible home for Matt, as there are several rooms in our house he cannot get to easily when he’s in his wheelchair,” says Maria. “It’s difficult for him to get in and out of our house if he’s in his wheelchair, and being able to get into the entire house at all times will be wonderful!”

Matthew and Maria currently live in San Antonio, TX, with their three children. Matthew works in commercial real estate for a community bank.
Carrington Charitable Foundation has recently accepted the following two Veterans into the Carrington House program— their homes are in the pre-planning stages.

**UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT MATTHEW MELANCON**

Eager to serve his country, 18-year-old native of Cedar City, Utah, Matthew Melancon joined the U.S. Army. An IED hit his truck during a second deployment in the Middle East. Although he endured amputations of each leg, a life-threatening MRSA infection and many reconstruction surgeries, Matt does not use these setbacks as an excuse.

Now an athlete and motivational speaker, Matt says he believes in the power of attitude and perspective. He blends the doctrines that kept him alive on the battlefield with the values and lessons taught by legacy civilian amputees who galvanized his belief in the human spirit.

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPORAL MICHAEL JERNIGAN**

In 2004, serving in the war on terror, U.S. Marine Corporal Michael Jernigan of Company E 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment is first serviceman to lose his eyes and vision after being hit with 155 mm shells while on patrol, throwing him 20 meters from his Humvee. He suffered a head injury affecting 45 percent of his skull, with shrapnel entering one eye and exiting the other. Additionally, with a fractured patella and a damaged femoral artery, he had two fingers reconstructed, along with his left knee. Michael endured 30 complicated operations during more than a year in the hospital and rehab.

A Veteran of the year from his hometown of St. Petersburg, Michael co-founded Paws for Patriots at South Eastern Guide Dogs, which provides guide dogs and service animals to those who have served. In 2017, he received The Ross Perot Patriot Award for his service. Michael is the Vice President of the Blinded American Veterans Foundation, and a motivational speaker. He and his wife, KimberLee, recently relocated to Texas from Florida, where they actively volunteer to support Veterans.
Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, USMC

Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, USMC, Retired, recently joined the Carrington Charitable Foundation Advisory Board. The Advisory Board was created to promote CCF and its charitable endeavors through offering opportunities, researching partnerships and creating new opportunities for CCF to broaden its reach and further its mission.

Commissioned as a second Lieutenant in 1977 as a biology major from Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, Bailey had a long-time military career. He earned two Master’s degrees, one in Business Management and Administration from Webster University and another in National Security Strategy and spans in War College and many other military schools and trainings.

In June 2013, Bailey was promoted to Lieutenant General and assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as the Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations. He used influence, relationship, readiness and dedication to lead others and impart his mission as a leader in the Marine Corps.

General Bailey’s awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf, Legion of Merit with Combat V, Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Action Ribbon.

He retired from the United States Marine Corps after 41 years of service, on July 31, 2017. He now serves as Vice President for External Affairs at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.
HONORED GUESTS AT THE 9TH ANNUAL CCF GOLF CLASSIC

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Aubrey Hand
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U.S. Army Staff Sergeant John Kriesel
U.S. Army Master Sergeant John Masson
U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Johnnie Yellock
U.S. Army Sergeant Matthew Melancon
U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Matthew Miles
U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Michael Jernigan
U.S. Army Specialist Michael Liscomb
U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills
U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Ward Taft

Additional Ways to Give Back

As we enter the holidays, keep in mind that CCF accepts donations on behalf of family members and friends. And if you have appreciated stock or want to donate your minimum IRA distribution before year end for a tax deduction, please contact us with your email and phone number.

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