

About the Elizabeth Dole Foundation

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is a national organization strengthening, empowering, and supporting the 14.3 million caregivers who care for America's wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans. The Elizabeth Dole Foundation was founded in 2012 by Senator Elizabeth Dole, who was inspired by her personal experience meeting caregivers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center while caring for her husband, the late Senator Bob Dole. Today, EDF delivers a range of direct support programs designed to meet caregivers where they are and address their most pressing needs.

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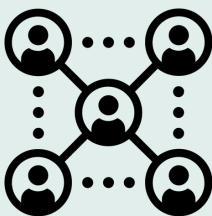
Strengthening Emotional & Mental Wellbeing



Growing & Sustaining Economic Mobility



Improving Support & Outcomes for Caregiver Youth and Families



Fostering Supportive Ecosystems

Programs and Initiatives

Bob Hope Critical Assistance Program

In partnership with the Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation, we offer financial assistance to address emergency and disaster scenarios, as well as more common needs and hardships. We also provide resources and training in partnership with the USAA Educational Foundation to empower caregivers on their financial wellness journey.

As part of this program, we provide **Resource Navigation**, tailoring one-on-one assistance to the unique needs of each military and veteran caregiver or family support member. The program connects caregivers and their families with resources, support, and guidance. The process begins when a client submits our online intake form.

A range of resources are available to ease the caregiver's journey and to strengthen well-being including:

- Financial assistance
- Food assistance
- Mental health support
- VA healthcare and benefits navigation
- Housing stability support
- Education scholarships

Mental Wellness

EDF provides military and veteran caregivers with safe and supportive virtual spaces to connect with peers who understand the caregiving journey. Through structured workshops, thematic care groups based on shared experiences, and a mental wellness-themed book club, caregivers come away with meaningful connections, practical tools and resources, and a renewed sense of empowerment to care for themselves.



Dole Caregiver Fellowship

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation Dole Caregiver Fellows Program is a selective leadership and advocacy fellowship for individuals who provide care and support to wounded, ill, or injured service members and veterans of all generations. Participants—spouses, parents, adult children, friends, or other loved ones—are chosen from across the United States to represent caregivers across their communities and nationally.

During a two-year term, Fellows receive training, build networks, and work with policymakers, organizations, and the public to raise awareness of the value of caregivers and the challenges they face. They advocate for improved support and resources and advise the Foundation on programs and policy priorities affecting military and veteran families. In addition, by sharing their stories and experiences, they help other caregivers recognize themselves as caregivers, connect to resources, and feel welcomed in a community where every caregiving journey is valued.

EDF Connect

EDF Connect is the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's new, secure, online community created by and for military and veteran caregivers. This isn't social media—it is a peer-to-peer community designed around caregiver needs and interests. After a quick verification of caregiver status to ensure privacy, you'll receive your invitation to join.

What you'll experience:

- Real caregiver conversations and peer support discussing the highs, lows, and everything in between of your caregiving journey.
- Exclusive webinars and other content on the topics that matter most to you, the caregiver.
- A specialized resource library to help you find what you need.
- An events calendar focused on highlighting national caregiving events that allow both in-person and virtual attendance.
- State-level groups to promote more localized connections with other caregivers.



You're not alone. Access EDF support such as resource navigation and financial assistance, mental wellness, and peer-connection, today. Scan the QR for more info.

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