

Lifetime Support

While serving in Afghanistan, a Corporal in the Marine Corps was paralyzed from the chest down when his Humvee hit an improvised explosive device. He was still in the intensive care unit of a military hospital when he was first introduced to his Fund case manager, who coordinated financial grants to cover lost income and travel expenses so his family could remain at his bedside.

Since that first meeting, the Corporal has been part of our Fund family. From an adaptive vehicle and tuition assistance to wheelchair-accessible exercise equipment and help with basic needs during the pandemic, The Fund's comprehensive programming has equipped this veteran with tools and resources to overcome challenges, remain active, and achieve his goals.

When the Corporal recently decided to move out of his parents' home, the cost to make his new home wheelchair accessible was substantial and beyond what his benefits would cover. Once again, The Fund supplied life-changing assistance, contributing to the cost of the necessary modifications as well as helping to offset extra out-of-pocket caregiving expenses now that he is on his own.

Today, the Corporal is focused on growing his small business, and The Fund remains by his side, providing mentorship and support through our Apprenticeship Program. The Corporal's journey epitomizes the resilience and determination of our veteran community and illustrates the power of The Fund's promise to be there for our military heroes.

“ I am super blessed to have the help and continued support of Semper Fi & America's Fund. **The Fund has been with me since my initial hospitalization to now helping me, 15 years later, transition to a new home.** The support from The Fund for in-home care has been life-changing, and the assistance invaluable on my journey to move forward in life. I am deeply grateful for this generosity and personally want to thank those who donated to the cause.”



HIGHLIGHTS OF SUPPORT



2009

Injured in Afghanistan

First grants to have family at bedside

2010

First adaptive vehicle

2011

Modifications made to parents' home

2012

Received adaptive exercise equipment

2014

First grants for tuition not covered by GI Bill

2015

Mother attended her first Caregiver Retreat

2017

Family support grants during recovery from surgery

2019

Second adaptive vehicle

Parents attended their first Caregiver Retreat together

2020

Grants for basic needs during pandemic

2021

First injury-specific virtual event

2022

Family support grants during hospitalization

2023

Home modification grants for own home

2024

In-home care grants
Small business support

2025

Bathroom modifications
Apprenticeship Program support

