



Express Scripts Supports TAPS Honor Guard Gala in Washington, DC

When the unthinkable happens to America's military families and a loved one is taken by war, illness, accident, or suicide, The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is waiting to walk alongside the newly bereaved.

Since 1994, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is America's front-line resource for all who are grieving the death of a loved one serving in the Armed Forces. Other services provided by TAPS include a national network of peer-based emotional support, case work assistance, crisis intervention, and grief and trauma resources. To date, TAPS has assisted with more than 35,000 surviving family members, casualty officers, and caregivers. All services provided by TAPS are free of charge to surviving families and are made possible by the generosity of donors.

Express Scripts is honored to donate \$25,000 to the TAPS organization to help with the work of providing comfort and care to families in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Express Scripts employees attending the TAPS Honor Guard Gala, held April 17 in Washington, DC included Tony Underwood, senior director, contracts administration, Ann Stroud, director, proposals, Sergio Santiviago, director, government affairs, Bailee Barfield, Legislative Analyst and Lillian German, director, government affairs. Also joining the group was Sandra Drew, former Gold Star Wives President, Mid-Atlantic Region.

In speaking about the organization and its mission, Underwood stated, "The need is always great, especially when you consider the devastating tragedy of losing a family member. We are proud to be a part of something so meaningful that supports all service members of the Armed Forces."

The keynote speaker for the event was General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is the nation's highest-ranking military officer as he serves as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council.

Read about [TAPS](#) and their on-going list of activities and opportunities, like their TAPS Run and Good Grief Camp.