

Hidden Heroes Cities & Counties Connection



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UPDATES FROM EDF

- The U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs has halted all caregiver dismissals from the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) until an internal review of the reassessment process is completed. [Read more.](#)
- The Senate has introduced a bipartisan companion bill to the House's Elizabeth Dole Act. S.3854 will reinvest in caregiver support at the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, establish a user-friendly resource center, and expand VA Home-Based Community Services nationwide. An informational document on the bill can be found [here.](#)
- Registration for EDF's 7th Annual National Convening is now open. [Join us virtually](#) on May 18 as we work to support our nation's Hidden Heroes.

WELCOME

Columbia County, GA
Gila County, AZ

COMMUNITIES IN ACTION



On March 29th, Columbia County became the first Hidden Heroes County in Georgia. Dole Caregiver Fellow Anne Way will be working with Columbia County to help raise awareness and support for the veteran caregivers across the community.

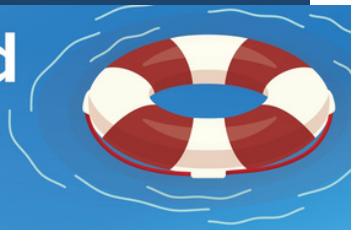
"I am so proud to be an Elizabeth Dole Fellow and even more proud to live in a county where veterans and their caregivers are valued and recognized for their service." - Anne Way, 2020 Georgia Dole Caregiver Fellow.

In 2019, EDF partnered with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to encourage counties across the nation to increase resources for caregivers and to share best practices. Beginning in the month of May, counties will be able to utilize [NACo County Explorer](#) for county-specific caregiver and youth caregiver (Hidden Helpers) data, as part of NACo's [Hidden Helpers Coalition Commitment](#).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

EDF has partnered with the Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation to provide military and veteran caregivers with emergency relief grants. The Hope Fund for Critical Financial Assistance will provide financial relief to caregivers through grants that aim to put military families on the path to financial wellness. Grants may cover medical bills, transportation, loss of income, and more. Caregivers who may benefit are encouraged to apply at www.hiddenheroes.org/hopefund.

Hope Fund for Critical Financial Assistance



APPLY TODAY



UPCOMING EVENTS

**18
MAY**

**EDF National
Convening -
Register Here!**

**24
MAY**

**Concussion
Legacy
Foundation C3
Webinar**

**19
OCT**

**Heroes & History
Makers Gala**

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL

Comcast NBCUniversal works to advance digital equity and connect military and veteran caregivers to the resources they count on. Caregivers depend on the Internet to access telemedicine resources, education and career programs, and to stay connected to social and emotional support networks. Through Comcast's Internet Essentials program, qualified caregivers and military families can receive low-cost home internet services. [Learn more about how Internet Essentials can help caregivers, veterans, and military families in your community.](#)



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