

# Veterans Chamber: Donor pledges \$10,000 match for COVID-19 relief fund for Wisconsin veteran service organizations

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MILWAUKEE -- A donor today stepped forward to pledge a \$10,000 matching fund for the COVID-19 Relief Fund launched this week by Lift for the 22 and the Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce.

The two organizations announced earlier this week that they have teamed up to raise funds to support Wisconsin's veteran service organizations.

Whether it's housing service providers forced to shut down shelters, food pantries being shut down or scaled back, employment resources overwhelmed by increased demand, or the disruption of services for mental health care and treatment, veterans across Wisconsin are already being impacted because these organizations are not able to meet their needs.

"We are extremely grateful that this donor has stepped up to provide a matching grant to help us raise money quickly," said Saul Newton, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce. "We need these organizations to be a voice, a champion, and an advocate to ensure the needs of veterans and their families are being addressed."

All proceeds generated from the COVID-19 Relief Fund will be directed to the Veterans Trust Fund and distributed by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs through operating grants to nonprofit social services providing housing, health and wellness, and economic empowerment services to veterans, service

members and their families.

Nonprofit charities and service providers have been rapidly adapting to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), and acting as quickly as possible to ensure the vulnerable populations they serve are informed, have access to the resources they need, and receive support and assistance to make it through this period with as little interruption as possible.

To donate, individuals can text GIVE or DONATE to (503) 831-9923 or they can donate online at: <https://liftforthe22.networkforgood.com/projects/-96057-covid-19-relief-fund>. All donations are tax deductible.