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Gary,

Thank you so much! You have provided a miracle for our family! God bless you and if you ever run for president, you have my vote. I can now focus on upcoming projects.

Thanks again!

Terry A.

Mr. Tanner,

Thank you so very much for the help this holiday season. I hope an email doesn't seem too impersonal but I wanted to write my gratitude down while still being legible! I understand taking care of soldiers and their families is something you do on the side, though, I can't even begin to express what an impact it made for my family. Accepting your help was very hard at first and even calling you Gary seems too informal (you deserve all the respect for what you do). From the deepest depths of my heart I thank you for helping us through a very rough time but especially helping me feel like I don't ALWAYS have to do it alone. That realization is worth more than any physical present or amount of cash could ever amount to. I can't say it enough. Thank you! ~ Christa - Army National Guard

Gary,

I don't know how to thank you from my heart! Bless you! Thank you so much! My wife and I and my son appreciate the relief that you're helping us with. You make a difference in my life! I just don't have the words to express my total gratitude. Every step towards the better makes life better. The list of the bad things going on in my life could be considered huge, but you have helped to start to knock away some of those troubles. For that I can never thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Tom K.

Desert Storm Veteran

Mr. Tanner, I am writing you this note to say how grateful and blessed I am to have received a second chance. My son and I are truly humbled by the financial assistance we were given to help us move forward. There are times when life just gets in the way and many of us just wish there was someone to care a little and help a little. With the help from your program and the American Legion, I can breathe again literally. On behalf of my son and I, we humbly thank you and all responsible for helping us.

Sincerely,

Delaysa D.

Honorably Discharged

SSgt. United States Air Force

Gary,

Thank you so much! You have no idea how grateful and thankful we are! This is the worst financial hardship either one of us has been in. I cannot say thank you enough! Btw I think it is really amazing of you that you volunteer to deal with these issues for other vets! It takes a special person to do what you do by choice! ☺. Once we get back on our feet I would love to return the favor by making a donation or if there are ever any events you need help with please do not hesitate to ask. Honestly I made so many phone calls looking for help for us and besides yourself there was only one other woman I spoke with from 211 who sounded so sincere and compassionate for us and our situation. Everyone else made me feel as if we were scum or something and asking for a handout. I have always worked at least two jobs and up until this current semester I was going to school as well. We just fell into some hard times and were trying to come up with anything we could before we had to ask anyone for help. Also, I had cervical cancer at 16 leaving me unable to have children and I just in the past few months was told that I have pretty advanced polycystic ovarian disease which will more than likely develop into ovarian cancer within the next few years. So I know I speak for both of us when I say thank you from the bottom of our hearts because poor Nate was ready to go insane! I thank you for serving for me and everyone else!

Jasmyne & Nathan Jance

United States Air Force
OIF/OEF

Dearest Mr. Tanner,

On behalf of my family & myself, thank you for making this both stressful & sad time for us positive. It is because of programs such as this one that veterans & families will be forever grateful to know that there are people out there who care and support us always! Because of your program's generosity, understanding and support, my family & I were able to say goodbye & pay our last respects to my father & Grandfather for the last time. Once again, I would like to say Mahalo Nui Loa, from the deepest and best parts of our hearts!

You made the Difference!

Truly,

Moani Burton
United States Air Force
OIF/OEF

Mr. Tanner,

Thank you! I can't express how much of a relief it is to know that any of the things my family needs are being taken care of. I think I might even sleep tonight now. My wife is still in tears! Thank you, I can't express how good it feels to have some of the weight lifted from our shoulders! We got all 3 kids multiple outfits each including underwear, socks, shoes and gym shoes, fall jackets (hoodies) we can't thank you enough and the kids made you a thank note. It's so refreshing to have someone genuinely care about you! I can't even begin to explain!

Chris Fountain
United States Army

Gary,

Thank you and God Bless you for paying the remaining balance of my wife's funeral bill. Due to our limited income, medical expenses and no life insurance, I could not afford to bury my wife. We always gave of ourselves and volunteered any chance we could, so it was difficult to find myself in such a terrible situation. You were our guardian angel.

Thank You again.

Roger T.

United States Army

I can't thank you enough. Words don't even begin to say it correctly. My wife and I both cried as I explained what you said you were going to do for us to help care for my wife. When my wife lost her job and medical insurance in the middle of her Cancer treatments, we had no idea where to turn. Your assistance allowed us to maintain her Cobra coverage long enough for her Medicaid to begin.

R. Jennings,

United States Army

First and foremost, I'd Like to personally thank Gary Tanner for his great customer service in assisting me with receiving help to repair my vehicle! He made sure I was equipped with the knowledge of the documentation and paperwork necessary, which made the process of getting my vehicle fixed go expeditiously fast! The paperwork was sent in on a Tuesday, Thursday my request was approved and the following Wednesday my car was in and out of the shop! The American Legion Reconnect Committee has been the BEST experience and Greatest customer service that I have ever received! Thank you so much for your help!

Thankfully,

Eugena M Campbell

Michigan Army National Guard

Gary,

Thank you for the assistance that you offered to me last month. The monthly house payment that you helped with allowed me to pay other bills that kept me from going into collections. The only thing that I wish would happen is that the V.A. would take some tips from you so that they could get something done. I wish they would take classes from you. When I am totally back on my feet financially, I will repay the favor so that the help can be spread to other fellow vets in need. Thanks again for the help! It will not be forgotten!

Thank you!

Randy Sheteron

USMC Veteran

What can I say? I couldn't begin to say how thankful my wife Trisha, 3 daughters, Lilylynn, Vivian, and Scarlett, and I are for the American Legion! Without the American Legion, I would not have been possible to stay in good standing with my mortgage company and avoid completely ruining my credit while trying to get caught back up. When I had my surgery and they told me I wouldn't be able to work for at least a month, my heart stopped. I began to wonder how I was going to be able to provide for my family while I was off work for recovery. I am an extremely stubborn man which most of us vets are. We don't like to ask for help. We try and fix things ourselves. I was put in contact with American Legion and they insured me they would be there for my family and I and to just focus on recovery. Again, I couldn't be more grateful and thankful for what they have done for my family and I! This is a great organization and I will support the American Legion just as they supported my family and I! I'm sure I have thanked your ear off, but all of you at the American Legion have no idea how thankful my family and I are for this extremely kind gesture! I owe you all bigtime!

Phillip Martin
US Army - Iraq