

Combined Arms continues to combat food insecurity among veterans and military families

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Combined Arms remains steadfast in its mission to fight food insecurity among veterans, active duty service members, and their families, a challenge that continues to affect thousands across Southeast Texas and beyond. Since a significant spike in food assistance requests in 2021, Combined Arms has served more than 58,000 military-connected families through its food distribution efforts.

What began as an emergency response has evolved into a data-informed, community-supported initiative, thanks to generous contributions from partners including the American Heart Association, Houston Methodist, TC Energy, Wounded Warrior Project, Stellar Bank, TDECU, Starbucks, Bob Woodruff Foundation, The Veterans United Foundation, The May Jeanne and Garland Slaughter Foundation, The Elkins Foundation, and other private foundations.

By leveraging real-time data collected through its veteran intake and referral platform, Combined Arms was able to identify food insecurity as a top unmet need in the veteran community. This insight led to the launch of new strategic collaborations with The Common Market, Second Servings, the Houston Food Bank, the Galveston County Food Bank, the Montgomery County Food Bank, Lone Star Flight Museum, Coffee Connection Church, SERVE, the Astros Foundation, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. These partnerships now form a robust and responsive network that delivers not only food, but also connection to long-term, wraparound support.