



# 2009 Fact Sheet

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"There When You Need Us"

The Air Force Aid Society, Inc. (AFAS) is the official charity of the United States Air Force. Its three-pronged charter promotes the Air Force mission by providing worldwide emergency assistance to members and their families, sponsoring educational assistance programs, and offering a variety of base community enhancement programs that improve Airman/family welfare.

***In 2009, direct assistance to Air Force members and families totaled \$21.6M -- over 42,000\* people helped!***

## **Emergency Assistance = \$12.2M**

- **\$11.5M interest-free loans**
- **\$689K grants**
- **17,319 cases**

Vehicle Expenses  
Emergency Travel  
Basic Living  
Funeral Expenses  
Medical/Dental  
Child Care/Respite  
Moving Expenses  
Miscellaneous

## **Education Programs = \$7.2M**

- **\$6M education grants**  
\$2,000 grants for children and spouses to assist with college costs  
3,000 awards
- **\$1.2M spouse tuition assistance**  
Up to \$1,500 per year in tuition assistance for spouses overseas  
Over 2,200 spouses assisted

## **Community Enhancement Programs = \$2.2M**

- **Give Parents a Break** - \$680K for stress-relieving child care
- **Child Care for PCS** - Families on PCS orders received over 70,000 hours of child care, totaling approximately \$346K
- **Child Care for Volunteers** - \$74K for child care to support base community volunteers
- **Bundles for Babies** - \$221K for bundles of baby gifts to new and expectant parents
- **Phone Home** - \$291K in \$20 value phone cards purchased for members deployed 30 days or more; over 56,500 Airmen actually received AFAS phone cards in 2009
- **Car Care Because We Care** – Over 5,700 preventive vehicle maintenance inspections performed, totaling over \$172K
- **Youth Employment Skills (YES)** - \$113K disbursed in education and base community dollar credits for high school students who volunteer on base
- **Local Education Programs** - \$139K for short-term job training for spouses
- **Spouse Orientation** - \$66K to help support base Heart Link programs
- **Armed Forces Services (AFSC) Memberships** - \$88K to pay for lifetime AFSC memberships for surviving spouses and/or children of AF members who die while on active duty or within 120 days of retirement
- **Sammy Rabbit Visits** – Almost \$56K in support of this financial education initiative

***Your generous support during the annual Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) drive makes these programs possible!***

\*excludes phone cards

***Then and now...a 68 year tradition of taking care of our own***