



# 2011 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 programs that improve Airman/family welfare.

**In 2011, direct assistance to Air Force members and families totaled nearly \$18M -- over 40,000\* people helped!**

## **Emergency Assistance = \$9M**

- **\$8.4M interest-free loans**
- **\$667K grants**
- **17,792 assists**

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

## **Education Programs = \$6.5M**

- **\$6M education grants**  
\$2,000 grants for children and spouses to assist with college costs; 3,000 awards
- **\$273K spouse tuition assistance**  
Up to \$1,500 per year in tuition assistance for spouses overseas; 623 spouses assisted
- **\$50K merit scholarships**  
10 merit scholarships awarded to Arnold Grant recipients
- **\$214K Supplemental Education Loans**  
No-interest loans of \$1000 to help pay for incidental college expenses; 214 loans

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

- **Give Parents a Break** – Almost \$700K for stress-relieving child care
- **Child Care for PCS** - Families on PCS orders received nearly 41,000 hours of child care, totaling approximately \$288K
- **Child Care for Volunteers** – Approximately \$49K for child care to support base community volunteers
- **Bundles for Babies** – Almost \$225K for bundles of baby gifts to new and expectant parents
- **Phone Home** – Over \$360K in \$20 value phone cards purchased for members deployed 30 days or more; over 42,000 Airmen actually received AFAS phone cards in 2011
- **Car Care Because We Care** – Approximately 5,200 oil changes/safety checks performed, totaling almost \$183K
- **Youth Employment Skills (YES)** – Over \$132K disbursed in education and base community dollar credits for high school students who volunteer on base
- **Local Education Programs** – Almost \$117K for short-term job training for spouses
- **Spouse Orientation** – Over \$69K to help support base Heart Link programs
- **Army Air Force Mutual Aid (AAFMA) Memberships** – Almost \$85K to pay for lifetime AAFMA memberships for surviving spouses and/or children of AF members who die while on active duty or within 120 days of retirement

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