



MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Independence Fund, Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Be Connected and St. Mary's Food Bank to Provide No-contact Care Package Delivery to at-risk Phoenix Area Veterans Directly Impacted by COVID-19

WHAT: *Partnered organizations will work together with volunteers to provide no-contact food and supply delivery to over 250 at-risk Veterans and their families in the Phoenix area. Cleaning supplies and food will be packaged as part of The Independence Fund's Independence@Home program, in partnership with Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Be Connected and St. Mary's Food Bank.*

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Independence Fund launched Independence@Home, a program to directly support its Veterans, Caregivers and families with a range of emergent COVID-19 costs, including food and cleaning supplies. This partnership to provide care packages to Veterans is one of several similar collaborative events happening across the country, including Charleston, Nashville, New York City, Washington D.C., Charlotte and San Antonio.

WHEN: **Thursday, November 12, 2020, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

WHERE: **St. Mary's Food Bank
2831 N. 31st Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85009**

MORE INFO: Interview availability for host partners, staff and volunteers. Volunteers will be preparing care packages for Veteran delivery throughout the designated time frames. Media can contact r.hammonds@independencefund.org for specific inquiries.

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE FUND:

Established in 2007, The Independence Fund is a national Veterans Service Organization dedicated to meeting the unmet needs of catastrophically wounded Veterans, Caregivers, and their families through a variety of programs. To learn more, visit www.independencefund.org.

ABOUT ARIZONA COALITION FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:

The mission of the Arizona Coalition for Military Families is to connect the 500,000+ military members, veterans and their families in Arizona to the right resources at the right time through the Be Connected program. Launched in 2009, the Coalition works nationally and locally to advocate for veterans and military families, build the infrastructure needed to expand and sustain Arizona's statewide capacity to care for, serve and support service members, veterans and their families. To learn more about the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, visit <https://arizonacoalition.org/>

ABOUT BE CONNECTED:

Be Connected links Arizona service members, veterans, families and community helpers to information, support and resources. Be Connected includes a support line, resource matching website, statewide team of community-based navigators and training for everyone. Launched with the help, support and guidance of the late Senator John McCain, and now operated in partnership by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Arizona Office of the Governor, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, to find support and learn more, visit <http://www.beconnectedaz.org>.

ABOUT ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK:

St. Mary's Food Bank exists to help feed hungry families throughout Phoenix and nine Arizona counties. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.