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Dear Ms. Porter:

On behalf of everyone at the National Military Family Association and the military families we support around the world, please accept my sincere thanks to you and your colleagues at Carry The Flame, Inc for your gift of \$5,500. Our Representative enjoyed meeting with you all. Thank you for your support.

The work of the military and what is asked of service members and their families has changed greatly since a group of military spouses founded our Association in 1969. Our ability to stay abreast of new challenges facing military families depends on the generosity of individuals and organizations -- and we are grateful for yours.

Almost half of today's all-volunteer military is married -- many with children -- and battlefield survival rates are extraordinary. These changes have created new needs that we strive to meet through such programs as our free *Operation Purple*® camp program for children of deployed and wounded service members, which has grown from 1,000 children in 2004 to today's 10,000. While the uncertainty of war and absence of a parent are stressful things for a child to bear, *Operation Purple*® provides them with friends to confide in, skills to better cope with periods of separation from mom or dad, and an infusion of fun in their complicated young lives.

Because of gifts like yours, our spouse scholarship program now includes funding for spouses of the wounded. These women are dedicated to rebuilding their families and pursuing careers better suited to supporting them financially after accepting "the unthinkable."

And finally, your contribution sustains our work to raise awareness of these ever-changing needs to local and national leaders who can join us to identify and resolve them. We recently secured changes in the Family Medical Leave Act permitting spouses and parents of service members -- including those caring for wounded service members and grandparents caring for the children of deployed service members -- additional time from work to tend to their loved ones without fear of losing their jobs.

We are truly grateful for your support.

Warm regards,

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