



# STAR-SPANGLED BABIES®

Our Star-Spangled Babies® program provides baby showers to expectant moms in growing military families. Due to deployments and frequent relocation, military parents-to-be often live far from their extended families and support systems. And like many new parents, they have questions, concerns, and fears.

Our Star-Spangled Babies showers provide these new and expectant parents with early childhood education tips and a support system when loved ones are far away.

Through peer connections with other military families, we promote strategies for keeping the deployed parents involved and making the new moms and dads feel at home in the military community.

**20,000+**  
NEW AND EXPECTANT PARENTS  
SUPPORTED SINCE 2008

## PROGRAM EFFICIENCY

**85%**

of Operation Homefront's expenditures go directly to programs supporting military families.

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Air National Guard Tech Sgt. Stephanie Pejsa was not sure what to expect during her first Operation Homefront Star-Spangled Babies® event.

The Jacksonville, Florida, event surpassed all expectations.

"I thought it was amazing," Stephanie said. "Everything was great. I learned so much from the event and there were so many good vendors there."

Along with games, prizes and gifts, the event included resources and vendors to help military families and expectant parents.

Stephanie attended the event while her husband, Scott Pejsa, was deployed. Scott is in the Army National Guard and has been deployed twice during their three-year relationship.

Stephanie hopes our donors and volunteers know how much these events mean to service members, veterans, and their families.

"It's been hard with my husband being gone," she said. "It was nice to feel appreciated and just feel like I have this whole community that could help me. It made me feel less alone."