

Dear Friend of the USO:

As CEO & President of the USO, I want to thank you for your recent gift. As you know, the USO is not a government agency; we rely on the generosity of caring individuals like you. Without your help, we would not be able to provide our urgently needed services to America's troops overseas... to our wounded warriors here at home... and to their families, as well.

Roughly 200,000 troops are defending our freedom overseas; many have had their tours of duty extended, long after they thought they'd be safe at home. Thousands more of our fighting forces have been wounded in dangerous ambushes, missile attacks or rocket fire. They must fight a very different battle, as they strive to return either to active duty or to active life after the military. Yet all these heroic men and women remain dedicated, loyal and faithful... and deserving of all the assistance we can give them.

I wish you could see firsthand the magic your gifts can help us create... the relief on the face of an exhausted soldier as she finds a USO center in a strange airport... the grin of a recovering Marine as he enjoys a cookout with his family at one of our USO Warrior and Family Centers... the feeling that comes from a cold soda on a hot day in the desert, served with a friendly smile and an encouraging word... And nothing compares to the sound of a child's voice when Mommy or Daddy calls home when they're a world apart.

You have done a great deal to help the USO reach our men and women fighting around the world... and the wounded heroes facing a long and hard road to rehabilitation and recovery. Our service members continue to inspire us with their courage, determination and fortitude.

For all of us at the USO, and for our troops and wounded heroes everywhere, we thank you for your generosity.

With my warm and heartfelt gratitude,

J.D. Crouch II

PS: Thank you for your support of USO North Carolina. I've enclosed a Gift Acknowledgement for your recent donation.