



CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES BY THE NUMBERS



OVER 20 YEARS
OF TRUSTED
EXCELLENCE



25 MILLION
PHONES
RECYCLED



8 MILLION
CALLING CARDS
DISTRIBUTED



450 MILLION
MINUTES OF
TALK TIME



2500 VETERANS
CONNECTED



10,000 VETERANS
CONNECTED BY
END OF 2025

30,000 IN 3 YRS

SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED: THE LATEST FROM CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

TOGETHER, WE'RE CONNECTING VETERANS TO WHAT MATTERS MOST

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the very first issue of our Cell Phones for Soldiers Newsletter! Whether you've supported us through donations or received our services, you're an essential part of this mission.

At Cell Phones for Soldiers, we're committed to bridging the communication gap for our military community. Today, our focus is on the Veteran Mobile Program - a lifeline that provides mobile devices, connectivity, and data support to veterans in need.

Our Current Mission:

Right now, our team is working tirelessly to connect 10,000 veterans through this program in 2025, ensuring they have access to the resources they need to stay connected with loved ones, healthcare providers, and essential services.

Looking Ahead:

Our goal is to expand this support to reach 30,000 veterans over the next three years. With your help - whether it's donating devices, making a monetary contribution, or spreading the word - we know we can make this vision a reality.

Get Involved:

Your generosity empowers veterans to maintain vital connections. Learn how you can support the Veteran Mobile Program by visiting our website or contacting us directly.

Thank you for standing with us in this important mission.

With gratitude,

The Cell Phones for Soldiers Team



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HONORING THOSE WHO MAKE OUR MISSION POSSIBLE



At Cell Phones for Soldiers, we know that behind every phone donated, every veteran reached, and every life impacted, there are incredible volunteers and dedicated partners making it happen.

Over the past few months, our team has been on the road, traveling across the country to personally thank the generous individuals, businesses, and organizations who stand beside us in our mission. From long-time supporters who've been with us since the early days to new allies helping expand our Veteran Mobile Program, we've been deeply moved by the continued commitment to serving those who served.

These visits have been more than just thank-you's - they've been a chance to listen, learn, and grow stronger together. Whether it's a corporate partner hosting device drives, a community group spreading awareness, or volunteers dedicating their time behind the scenes, we recognize that every act of support drives meaningful change.

"We're not just building programs - we're building partnerships rooted in trust and shared purpose," said Rob Bergquist, Director of Cell Phones for Soldiers. "Being able to meet face-to-face with our supporters reminds us why this work matters and how much we can achieve when we work together."

To all our volunteers and partners: **thank you.** Your continued support fuels everything we do - and we look forward to growing this mission with you.





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TEAM SPOTLIGHT: BRITTANY BERGQUIST A FOUNDER'S FULL-CIRCLE JOURNEY



We're proud to reintroduce Brittany Bergquist, co-founder of Cell Phones for Soldiers and our current Director of Partnerships and Community Outreach.

Brittany helped launch Cell Phones for Soldiers with her brother Rob when she was just a teenager, driven by a passion to help deployed troops stay connected to their families. After years of growing the charity into a national force for good, she stepped back to explore new opportunities- building an impressive career in marketing with brands like KIND Snacks and other consumer product companies.



Never one to stop growing, Brittany later returned to school to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, blending her dedication to service with a new focus on healthcare. Most recently, she worked as a nurse resident at the prestigious Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where she cared for oncology patients with the same compassion that fueled her early nonprofit work.

Today, we're thrilled to have Brittany back on the team, bringing her powerful mix of strategic marketing, frontline healthcare experience, and deep-rooted passion for military families. In her new role, she's spearheading outreach efforts and forming meaningful partnerships that will help us expand programs like the Veteran Mobile Program to reach thousands more in need.



"Returning to Cell Phones for Soldiers feels like coming home," Brittany says. "This mission shaped so much of who I am. I'm honored to be back, using my voice and experience to serve veterans and military families in new, impactful ways."

Welcome back, Brittany - and thank you for continuing to lead with heart.

Veteran Service Officer Testimony:

"Team at Cell Phones for Soldiers, I wanted to reach out and thank your organization for helping a Veteran who lives in Bloomington, IN, Mr. Clark. Our office recently helped Mr. Clark apply for your program. I received a phone call from Mr. Clark this past week. He told me that he received a cell phone, and it was the first time in awhile that I heard excitement in his voice. I want your organization to know that its work is appreciated. Thank you again for helping Mr. Clark and many other Veterans. Keep up the good work!"



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WHAT'S COMING UP

There's a lot happening at Cell Phones for Soldiers, and we're excited to share how you can stay involved and help us grow our reach!



New Drop-Off Location Materials Available

We've created updated, easy-to-use materials to help support your device collection and fundraising efforts. Whether you're a longtime drop-off site or just getting started, these new tools are designed to make participation easier and more effective.

- Interested in receiving these materials? Reach out to Brittany Bergquist at bbergquist@cellphonesforsoldiers.com to request your own packet.



Team CPFS has Run the Falmouth Road Race – August 17, 2025

We laced up our sneakers for the 2025 ASICS Falmouth Road Race in Massachusetts, with 15 dedicated runners (including our founder, Rob!) fundraising on behalf of Cell Phones for Soldiers. This is more than a race - it has been powerful way to fuel our programs and raise awareness for our mission.

- Support our team by donating here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/99641/the-2025-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/team/196>



Veteran Mobile Program: Applications Now Open

We're actively welcoming applications from veterans in need of mobile phones and connectivity support through our Veteran Mobile Program. This initiative provides free mobile devices, data, and talk/text service to veterans who lack access to communication tools - helping them stay connected with family, healthcare providers, job resources, and more.

- Veterans can apply directly here:

<https://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/veteran-phone-application/>



Stay in Touch

Have questions, ideas, or want to get more involved? We'd love to hear from you!

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