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The administrative costs for Operation Helping Hand total approximately 3.5 percent of the total revenue. All the work is done by volunteers with absolutely no compensation.

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Contributions should be tax deductible (consult your tax advisor.) All donations will be acknowledged by letter. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services toll-free within the state (1-800-HELP-FLA). Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state. CH11533. State of Florida Certificate of Exemption #85-8013873368C-2 Effective Date 06-28-07, Expiration Date 06/30/12. IRS Designation: EIN 51-0611866, 501 (c) (3), Effective 10-10-06, Operation Helping Hand, Inc.

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Ms. Vivian Reeves (far left) and Operation Helping Hand Committee Members serve patrons at one of our monthly dinners.



**OPERATION
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**HELPING SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY HEROES
AND THEIR FAMILIES.**



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WHO WE ARE

OPERATION HELPING HAND is a devoted humanitarian effort dedicated to providing support for US military active duty personnel injured in Iraq and Afghanistan and being cared for in Tampa, Florida at the James A. Haley VA Hospital.



Of the five Polytrauma Rehab Facilities in the nation, the James A. Haley VA Hospital is the busiest in treating active duty casualties.



Operation Helping Hand Executive Council Members.



The late Rear Admiral Leroy Collins, Jr. speaking with a wounded military patient.

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WHAT WE DO TO LEND A HAND

Launched in May 2004, Operation Helping Hand is a special initiative of the Tampa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), operated by military retired officers and volunteers who donate their time and care and do not receive any compensation.

In six years, we have helped over 700 of our active duty wounded and more than 1,000 of their family members. And with your support, we will continue to assist many more. We realize the most important part of rehabilitation is having the love and support of your family. That's why Operation Helping Hand's assistance ranges from roundtrip commercial air travel for immediate family members to visit and be with their injured loved ones to paying for rental cars, prepaid cell phones, comfort items and a myriad of other helpful gestures.



General David Patraeus greets an injured military patient.

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

Paying for all of this assistance and support is not easy. Thankfully, Operation Helping Hand has been blessed with the generous contributions of individuals, corporations and associations. Through our fundraising efforts we have been able to give well over \$1,600,000 in cash, checks, in-kind services and materials directly to patients and their families.

We all look forward to the day when Operation Helping Hand will cease to exist and we will have no more wounded patients being treated here in Tampa. But since the start of the War on Terror there has been a steady flow of wounded combat military getting treatment at Haley for their injuries.

Many arrive here with debilitating wounds, including blindness, amputations, blast injuries, burns, brain and spinal cord damage or a combination of these injuries referred to as polytrauma.

Additionally, Operation Helping Hand arranges and hosts monthly dinners at the James A. Haley VA Hospital for these injured heroes and their families. Loved ones are presented with flowers and gift bags containing items ranging from gift certificates to things needed for their stay while their hero is being treated at the hospital. Welcome kits are also handed out to the wounded and their families upon their arrival.



Petty Officer Second Class Pete Herrick and his wife Diana were one of the first to receive assistance from Operation Helping Hand.

LOOK WHO'S GIVING US A BIG HAND FOR OUR EFFORTS

The on-going work of Operation Helping Hand has achieved numerous distinguished accolades and high praise from "Newman's Own" national competition, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Tampa Bay, the Mayor's Alliance, and most recently was honored with the 2010 Governor's Point of Light Award and the President's Call to Service Award. While Operation Helping Hand is proud to be recognized with so many prestigious awards, what we appreciate most is the many heartfelt thank you letters received from grateful patients and their families.