



**Christmas 2023**

**Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors®**

*Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors® Christmas programs are designed to make life just a little easier, happier, and brighter for our well deserving wounded Warriors and their families during the Christmas season.*

*The 2023 Christmas season was another great success for Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors® Christmas programs. Our program's accomplishments could not be possible without the outstanding support that we receive from all of you. What you do each year by giving changes lives and makes such a difference for the people we help. We encourage you to send your stories and photos in to be included in our yearly newsletter.*

*There will never be enough of the right words to convey how extremely grateful we continue to be for your continual generosity, time, compassion, and the financial support you continue to provide, year after year. You make Christmas a little less stressful for those who have served our country. Without you, our mission would not be possible.*

**Thank you!!**





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157 Wounded Warriors and  
their family members served

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Toys provided to 477  
Warrior's children

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802 Wounded Warriors and  
their family member served







## CHRISTMAS WISH



For Christmas 2023, we were able to serve 37 families with our Christmas Wish program. That's 157 individuals!! We thank each and every one of our fabulous individual Community families, businesses, church groups, and organizations who continue to donate their time and generosity to help ensure all the wounded Warriors and their families that sign up through Heartbeat can have a great Christmas. We certainly could not do this without your generous donations!

THANK YOU!!

**THANK YOU** to the following organizations for adopting our special families this year:

- ❖ ***Puget Sound Energy (PSE)***
- ❖ ***Knights of Columbus Council 6686, Bothell, WA***
- ❖ ***Knights of Columbus Assembly 3123 Bothell, WA***
- ❖ ***Pacific Medical Centers (USFHP)***



In addition, we also continue to have several individuals and organizations that adopt multiple families. You continue to have such an outstanding, positive effect on these courageous families every year.

An extra special **THANK YOU** to the individuals and organization who adopted multiple families this year.

- ❖ ***Mark Salama and his team at Puget Sound Energy (PSE) adopted 8 families!!  
Plus they also donated funds to help 6 additional families!***
- ❖ ***One of our wonderful Community family adopters who wishes to remain anonymous adopted 6 large families!!***
- ❖ ***Knights of Columbus Bothel adopted 3 families!***
- ❖ ***Janet generously adopted 3 families!***
- ❖ ***Kendra, Jalayne, Kelly and their families adopted 2 families!***

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**





## CHRISTMAS WISH



### *Puget Sound Energy (PSE)*

Each year multiple very generous groups at **PSE** adopt multiple families through our Christmas Wish program. We could not be more grateful for each team member that donates to provide our Christmas Wish families cheer!

This year, **Mark Salama** and his team at **PSE** adopted 8 of our well-deserving families. In addition, through their generous donations, we were able to help an addition 6 families make their Christmas wishes come true!

Not only do they adopt multiple families, they also hand wrap and deliver the gifts personally! Here are a few photos of their wrapping party getting ready for delivery!



This is what it is all about. **Thank You** all so much!





## OPERATION TOY DROP



**South King County Fire and Rescue** are not only Heroes to our community but to the children of wounded warriors. 2023 was no exception to the thoughtfulness and generosity in their HUGE donation of wonderful new toys including bikes and a toy jeep!!

Thank you to **Assistant Chief Kevin Crossen** for leading the way in this mission!

**THANK YOU!!**



A **HUGE GRATEFUL THANK YOU** for the hard work, no matter the weather, in bringing our Soldiers kids these AWESOME toys.

**Assistant Santa Carol Robinson, Santa Dave Meyers, and Assistant Santa Tony Robinson** (pictured left).







## OPERATION TOY DROP



Toys loaded up on the sleigh and ready to deliver to our WA State National Guard families.

This year we were able to provide toys to over 400 kids!

The kids were overwhelmed with all the toys available thanks to all the generous donations!







## CHRISTMAS GIFT-A-CARD



We were able to serve 802 family members this year with gift cards from our Gift-A-Card program!

**THANK YOU** to four very special individuals that did not want their name used but donated financially to our Christmas programs and helped us so much!

A very special **THANK YOU** to the following generous groups that made this program possible!

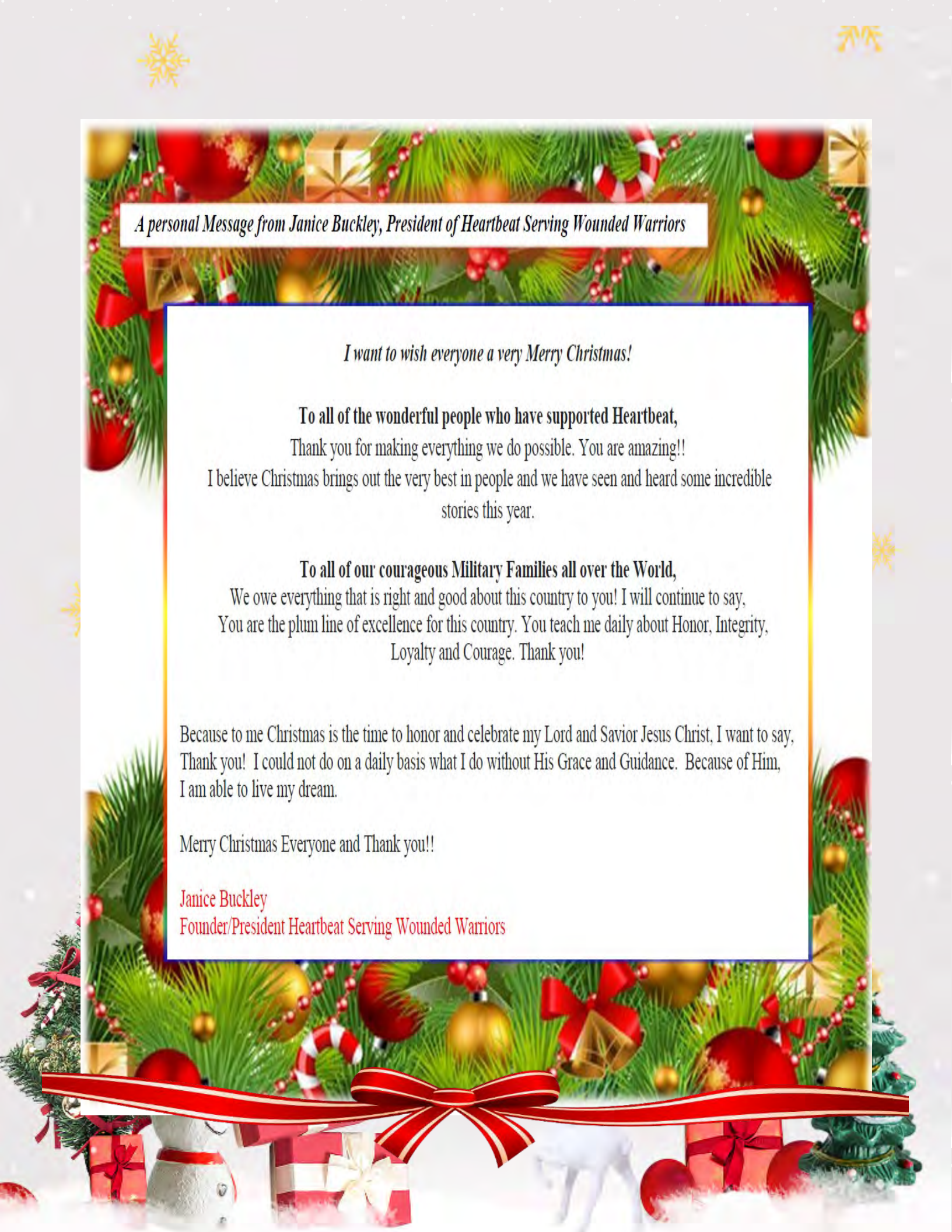
- ❖ *A Grateful thank you for the wonderful donation from Biella Foundation who was very generous in their support.*
- ❖ *For numerous years the Knights of Columbus Council 7528, St Joseph Parish and St Vincent DePaul have supported out of a generous heart to Heartbeat's Christmas Gift-A-Card program and this year was a rousing donation. Thank you for supporting this program.*
- ❖ *A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus Ladies for the homemade gift card carriers. They were so decorative and beautiful.*
- ❖ *Thank you to Knights of Columbus Council 14046 and St Teresa of Calcutta Parish for your generous donation of Fred Meyer gift cards to support this program. Your timing is always perfect!*
- ❖ *Thank you to Alderwood Terrace Rotary Club and Mike Cordova for your very generous support of gift cards this year! We are so grateful!*
- ❖ *Thank you to Mary Queen of Peace Parish and Cindy Stevens for once again taking the time to support this program with your much needed gift cards, we are very grateful!*

A very special **THANK YOU** to *Project Linus of Everett* led by *Diane Campbell* for the absolutely beautiful handmade quilted gift card pouches. You ladies go over the top to provide such beautiful mementoes!

**Thank You** all so much!







*A personal Message from Janice Buckley, President of Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors*

*I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!*

**To all of the wonderful people who have supported Heartbeat,**  
Thank you for making everything we do possible. You are amazing!!  
I believe Christmas brings out the very best in people and we have seen and heard some incredible stories this year.

**To all of our courageous Military Families all over the World,**  
We owe everything that is right and good about this country to you! I will continue to say,  
You are the plum line of excellence for this country. You teach me daily about Honor, Integrity,  
Loyalty and Courage. Thank you!

Because to me Christmas is the time to honor and celebrate my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I want to say,  
Thank you! I could not do on a daily basis what I do without His Grace and Guidance. Because of Him,  
I am able to live my dream.

Merry Christmas Everyone and Thank you!!

**Janice Buckley**  
**Founder/President Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors**