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SUBJECT: 2016 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign

February 1, 2016 marks the beginning of the 43rd annual Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign. The permanent theme of *A Commitment to Caring* says it all. For the past 43 years, our Air Force family has taken care of our own by generously supporting the four affiliate Air Force charities who care for us all: the Air Force Enlisted Village, the Air Force Village Charitable Foundation, the Air Force Aid Society, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Thanks to your faithful generosity over the years, these AFAF affiliates have provided our Air Force family a full range of much-needed services. The Air Force Aid Society is always there with emergency financial assistance, educational loans and scholarships, spouse tuition assistance and an array of other base community enhancement programs. The Air Force Village Charitable Foundation and the Air Force Enlisted Village provide our retirees' widows and widowers with a home and caring community, whether they are able to afford it on their own or not. Finally, the LeMay Foundation seeks out and lends a helping hand to widows and widowers of Air Force retirees through grants of financial assistance, ensuring they are able to continue living in their homes, leading a life of dignity that they have earned.

This year, we once again ask that you consider donating to these worthy charities who are there for us when we need them. This year's ambitious goal of \$6.78 million is a million dollars more than last year's goal and three hundred thousand dollars more than our total donations last year. But we know this family, and we know your drive. This year, once again, *it's not about Airmen giving more, it's about more Airmen giving!*

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