

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

2020 Annual Report

AER



Our Mission: **ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF** IS PART OF THE **ARMY**



ARMY REGULATION 930-4 | Section II, 1-11

Army Emergency Relief is the Army's own nonprofit corporation and exists solely to **help the Army take care of its own.**

GRANTS & ZERO-INTEREST LOANS

Army Emergency Relief provides grants and/or zero-interest loans to eligible Soldiers and Families because financial readiness promotes Soldier readiness.

ELIGIBILITY

Army Emergency Relief serves eligible Soldiers and Families in need. This includes Active Duty Soldiers, Retired Soldiers, Medically Retired Soldiers, Survivors (Spouses & Children), Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) ARNG & USAR On Title 10 Orders. Eligibility requirements may be waived during disasters and other emergencies

2020 Year in Review

25K

Soldiers and Families
served

\$50M

Distributed as zero-
interest loans, grants, and
educational scholarships

90cents

of every dollar donated
was spent on assistance
for Soldiers and their
Families

AER has served

4M

Soldiers and Families
since 1942

AER has distributed

\$2B

in AER assistance

Including

\$1B

Since 9/11

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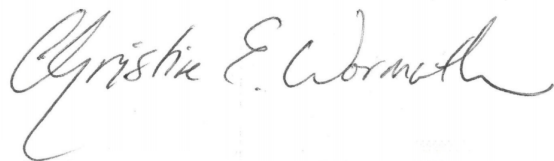
From the Secretary of the Army

In 2020, our Soldiers were increasingly called on to support the Nation's Homefront. It is our job to ensure that our Soldiers and their Families have unwavering support during difficult times so the force can remain focused on the Army mission.

Army Emergency Relief plays an integral role in taking care of our Soldiers and their Families by providing financial assistance during times of hardship. AER's effective and timely assistance supports the preparedness of our Soldiers and is critical to maintain force readiness.

Thank you for your continued support.

People First!



Christine Wormuth
Secretary of the Army



From the Chief of Staff of the Army

The United States Army wins through our People. They are our greatest strength and most important weapon system, and that is why People are the Army's number one priority.

For 79 years, Army Emergency Relief has taken care of our Soldiers, Families, and Retirees during times of financial hardship. AER is a force multiplier that ensures the greatest Soldiers in the world can remain ready to fight and win!

People First – Winning Matters – Army Strong!



James C. McConville
General, U.S. Army



From the Sergeant Major of the Army

2020 brought forth uncertain and challenging times for our Army Family. Through every twist and turn, Army Emergency Relief has supported Soldiers directly at the squad level.

AER is constantly creating assistance programs to adapt to the needs of a diverse Army and is the only nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance directly to Soldiers through their chain of command.



Michael A. Grinston
Sergeant Major of the Army



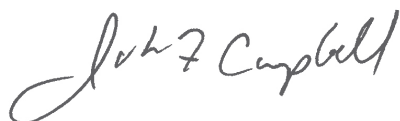
From the Chairman of AER

During times of unexpected financial hardship, there is no better tool for a Soldier than Army Emergency Relief. As Chairman of the Board of Managers, I am proud to report AER remains focused and agile in meeting the needs of Soldiers and their Families, as well as creating new categories of assistance to accommodate the ever-changing needs of the Army Team.

2020 certainly presented new challenges that required new solutions. In partnership with the Army Leadership and our Board of Managers, we expanded the scope and reach of our assistance by modernizing our capabilities and rolling out COVID related programs to increase resiliency and readiness across the force.

AER is located at over 70 Installations across the globe; it is our mission to make sure Soldiers have access to our capabilities wherever they are stationed. Additionally, in 2021 we are launching a new online assistance platform enabling Soldiers to request assistance from their barracks, home, or deployed location.

AER stands ready to support the Soldiers of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.



John F. Campbell
General, U.S. Army, Retired



From the Director of AER

2020 was certainly a difficult year for our Army and the Nation! Despite this COVID-19 'once in a lifetime challenge' and numerous other natural disasters, America's Army remained focused on ensuring the combat readiness of the force and the safety and resiliency of Soldiers and their Families. I am proud to say that Army Emergency Relief supported the Army Team every step of the way with over \$50 Million in Assistance and Educational Scholarships.

AER rolled out new assistance programs to address pandemic-related needs such as a COVID-19 childcare assistance program, remote learning benefits, spousal education and reemployment initiatives, expanded assistance for Reserve Component Soldiers, and financial assistance for the dignified storage of remains while awaiting burial. Our rapid response went beyond COVID-19; we provided over \$7 million in natural disaster relief and emergency assistance to nearly 6,000 Soldiers.

We could not assist Soldiers and Army Families experiencing financial hardship without donations from Active and Retired Soldiers, the American Public, and Patriotic Corporations. Their unwavering commitment ensures AER can continue to meet the needs of our 21st Century Army.

I encourage Soldiers to come to AER if they are facing financial issues. Asking for Help is a Sign of Strength! AER truly is 'Soldiers Helping Soldiers'.

Thank you for your support,

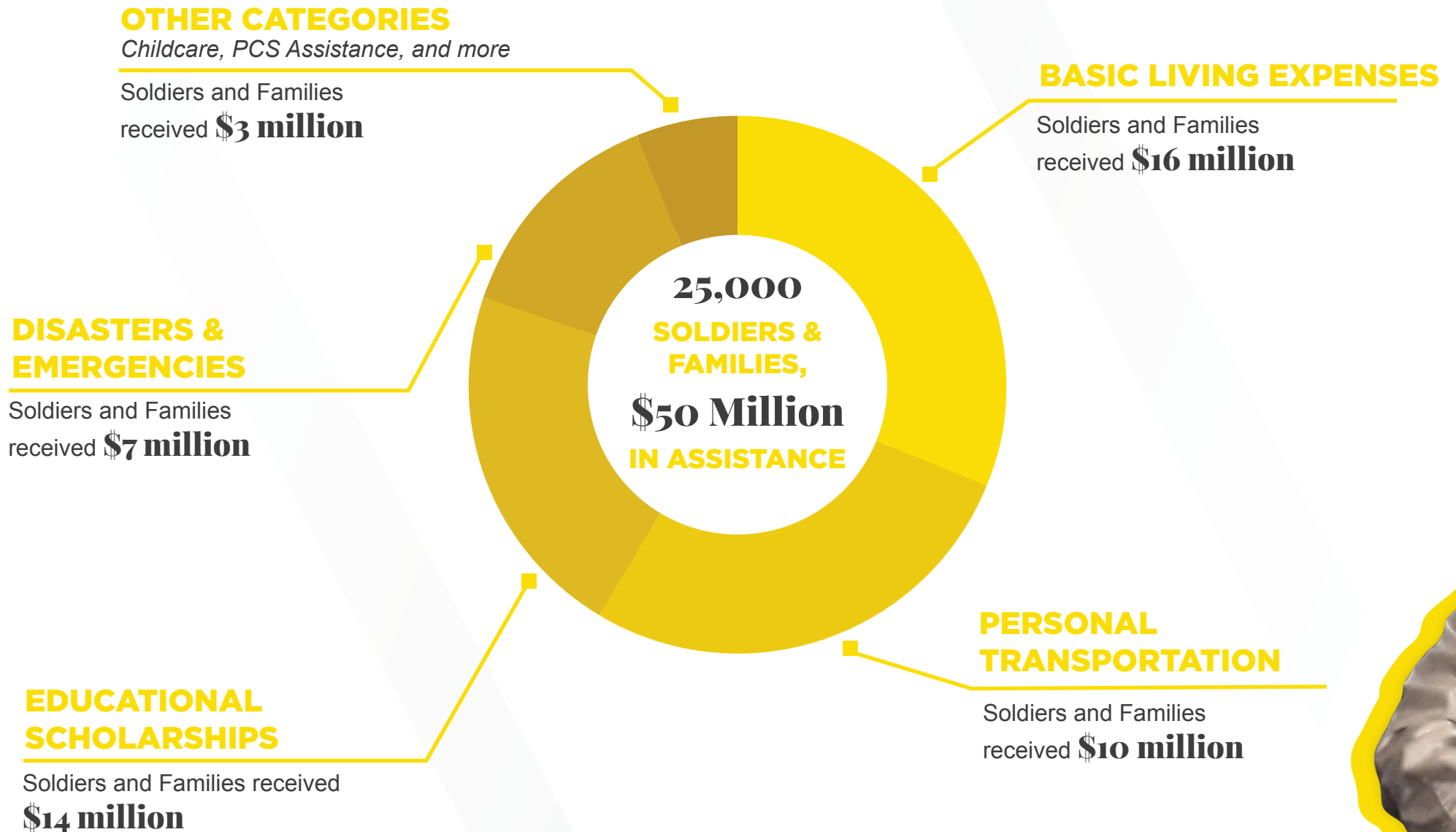


Ray Mason

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired
Director, Army Emergency Relief



Assistance Overview



30+ Categories of Assistance

**BASIC LIVING
EXPENSES**



**DISASTERS &
EMERGENCIES**



**EDUCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIPS**



**PERSONAL
TRANSPORT**



**PERMANENT
CHANGE OF
STATION**



& MORE



“AER, We wanted to personally thank you for the money grant to purchase more school supplies...These items will aid us for years to come. Thank you for investing in Justin’s education.”

After taking emergency leave to support family hardship while stationed in Germany, Linda Blackwell received financial support from AER. She later became an AER Legacy Donor after naming AER in her will.



The USAA Foundation



\$5.75 Million Grant

As part of a historic commitment by USAA's Military Family Relief Initiative, Army Emergency Relief received \$5.75 million to assist Soldiers and their Families during challenging economic times due to COVID-19.

The donation supports AER's ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts, including financial assistance for Soldiers affected by the DoD travel ban, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers activated in response to COVID-19, financial assistance to support costs associated with remote education, and more.

AAFES



\$1.4 Million in Donations

In 2020, The Army & Air Force Exchange Service made donating to Army Emergency Relief at checkout available to shoppers year-round. This resulted in AAFES raising \$1.4 Million for AER through these point-of-sale contributions from shoppers. This was an increase of more than 1,000% compared to the amount donated in 2019.

Lockheed Martin

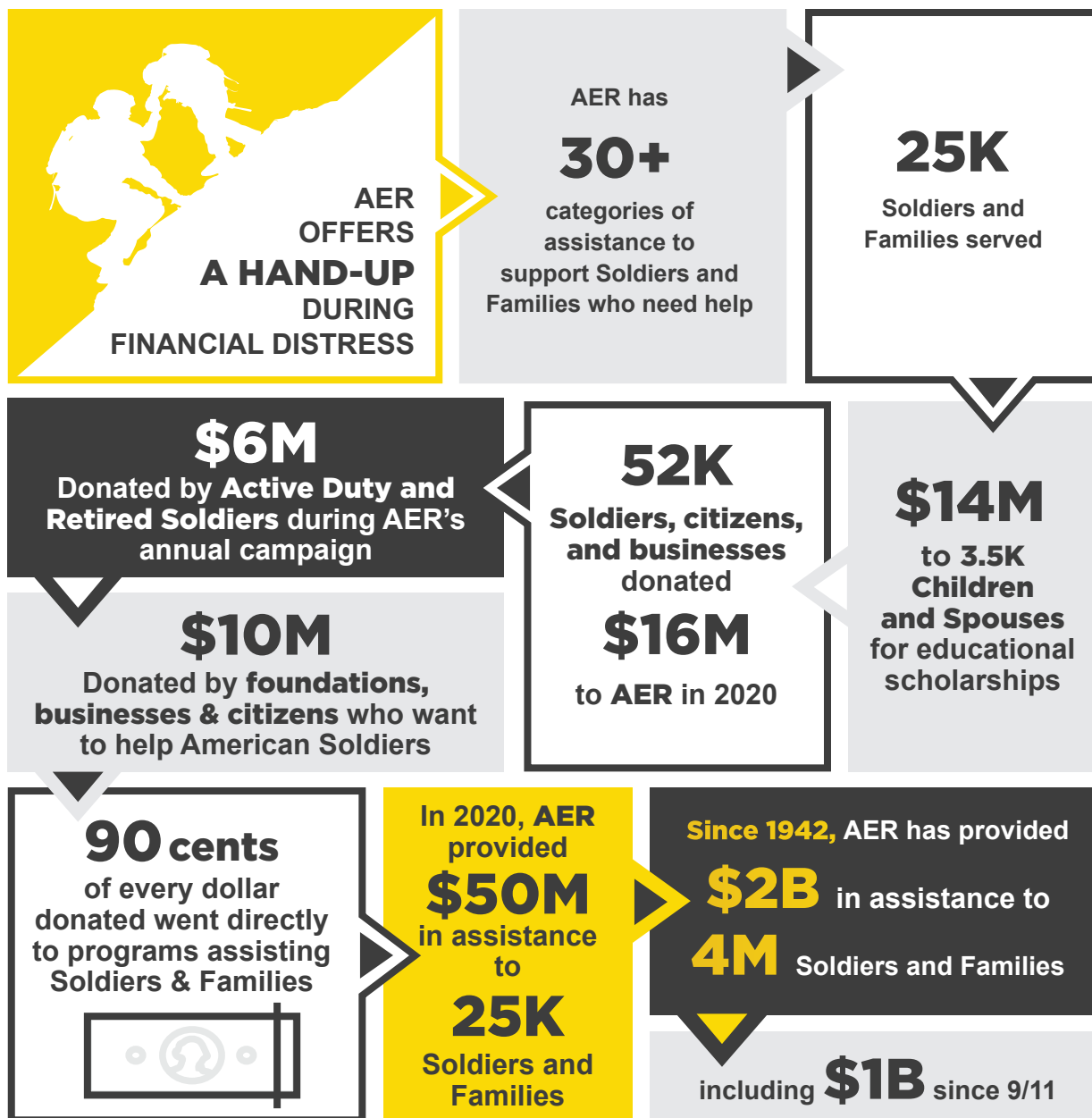


\$1 Million Grant

In 2020, Lockheed Martin presented AER with a \$1 million grant for financial assistance programs for Soldiers and their Families affected by COVID-19.

This grant expanded AER's financial support for Soldiers and their Families affected by COVID-19, including assistance for critical needs such as housing and basic living expenses to DOD travel ban or stop movement orders. Lockheed Martin's grant also supported needs arising from Spouse loss of income and financial requirements of quarantine, as well as expanding support for Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers activated in response to COVID-19.

Financial Overview



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of Dec. 31, 2020

ASSETS

Cash	\$15,223,062
Receivables & Prepaid Expenses	\$2,095,832
Investments & Accrued Investment Income	\$329,211,190
Loans Receivable net allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$27,227,406
Prepaid Charges and other Assets	\$547,459
Office Equipment	\$1,941,187
Total Assets	\$376,246,136

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$1,646,512
Total Liabilities	\$1,646,512
NET ASSETS	\$374,599,624
TOTAL ASSETS & NET LIABILITIES	\$376,246,136

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

REVENUES

Annual Fund Campaign	\$8,756,816
Other Contributions	\$8,147,114
Investment Return	\$51,183,975
Total Revenue	\$68,087,905

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$31,308,389
Supporting Services	
Management and General	\$1,722,506
Fundraising	\$995,420
Total Expenses	\$34,026,315
Change in Net Assets	\$34,061,590
Beginning Net Assets	\$340,538,034
Ending Net Assets	\$374,599,624

* As audited by BDO

Board of Managers

The Active/Retired Soldiers and Spouses who serve on AER's Board of Managers provide strategic guidance and serve as a critical linkage between Soldiers and AER.



GEN (R) John F. Campbell
Chairman, AER
General, U.S. Army, Retired



GEN Joseph Martin
Vice Chief of Staff of the
U.S. Army



SMA Michael A. Grinston
Sergeant Major
of the Army



LTG (R) Raymond V. Mason
Director, AER



LTG (R) Steven W. Boutelle
Chairman, Information
Technology Committee



LTG (R) Howard Bromberg
U.S. Army Retired



LTG (R) Karen Dyson
U.S. Army Retired



LTG (R) Richard G. Trefry
Member (Emeritus)



MG (R) Gina S. Farrissee
Department of Veterans
Affairs



Mr. E. Eric Porter
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1
U.S. Army Forces Command



Mr. Francis Finelli
Chairman, Finance and Audit
Committee



Mrs. Maria McConville
Army Spouse



Mrs. Alexandra Grinston
Army Spouse



Mrs. Patricia Brown
Retired Army Spouse



LTG Theodore D. Martin
DCG / Chief of Staff
U.S. Army TRADOC



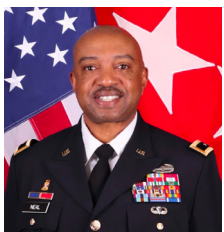
LTG Douglas Gabram
Commanding General, U.S. Army
Installation Management Command



LTG Leslie C. Smith
The Inspector General
Department of the Army



LTG Gary Brito
Deputy Chief of Staff, G1,
U.S. Army



MG Reginald Neal
Deputy Commanding
General, USARPAC



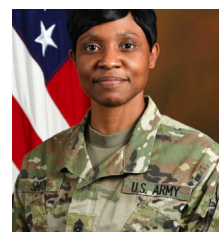
COL Gregory Gadson
U.S. Army Retired



CSM Todd Sims
CSM, U.S. Army Forces
Command



CSM Alberto Delgado
CSM, U.S. Army
Materiel Command



CSM Jamila Shiggs
CSM, Headquarters Battalion
U.S. Army

Board of Advisors

AER's Board of Advisors provides oversight and feedback on policies to 'help the Army take care of its own.'

GEN James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army

GEN Robert B. Abrams, Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK

GEN Paul J. LaCamera, Commanding General, USARPAC

GEN Michael X. Garrett, Commanding General, FORSCOM

GEN Gustave F. Perna, Commanding General, AMC

GEN Paul E. Funk II, Commanding General, TRADOC

LTG Christopher G. Cavoli, Commanding General, USAREUR

LTG Raymond S. Dingle, Commanding General, MEDCOM/TSG

LTG Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers/CG, USACE

MG Stephen E. Farnen, Commanding General, MSDDC

MG Gary W. Johnston, Commanding General, INSCOM

MG Omar J. Jones IV, Commanding General, MDW

MG Kevin Vereen, Provost Marshal/Commanding General, CID

Previous Presidents

General Dennis J. Reimer

U.S. Army Retired

2009-2019

General Edward C. Meyer

U.S. Army Retired

1984 - 2009

General James H. Polk

U.S. Army Retired

1975 - 1984

General G.H. Decker

U.S. Army Retired

1963 - 1975

General Wade H. Haislip

U.S. Army Retired

1950 - 1963

Honorable Tracy S. Voorhees

Undersecretary of War

1948 - 1950

Honorable William H. Draper Jr.

Undersecretary of War

1947 - 1948

Honorable Kenneth C. Royall

Undersecretary of War

1945 - 1947

Honorable Robert P. Patterson

Undersecretary of War

1942 - 1945

Previous Directors

LTG Robert F. Foley

U.S. Army Retired

2005 - 2016

LTG Nathaniel R. Thompson Jr.

U.S. Army Retired

1986 - 2005

MG James J. Ursano

U.S. Army Retired

1976 - 1986

MG George A. Carver

U.S. Army Retired

1966 - 1976

MG Edward F. Witsell

U.S. Army Retired

1951 - 1966

MG Walter K. Wilson

U.S. Army Retired

1944 - 1951

MG Irvin J. Phillipson

U.S. Army Retired

1942 - 1944

MG William N. Haskell

U.S. Army Retired

1942

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

When you support AER you're giving directly to

**SOLDIERS, RETIRED SOLDIERS,
& THEIR FAMILIES**

DONATE TODAY AT

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In 2020, Army Emergency Relief spent 90 cents of every dollar on programs. Charity Navigator gives AER a four-star rating, which is the highest rating possible.



AER earned Guidestar's Platinum Seal of Transparency for sharing concise, detailed information about plans and progress with key stakeholders and the public.







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