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## They Rely On Us—We Rely On You Help Keep Our Programs Strong

As VFW Auxiliary members, our hearts call us to help our country's veterans, service members and their families. I'm sure you take as much pride in your membership and our unique programs as I do. So I feel I must speak as plainly as possible with you today.

To serve each veteran and family who turns to us in their hour of need, we have to increase our efforts. I know you already give so much, but the demand has grown dramatically.

Our Department donations are not keeping up with the program needs. This puts our programs in jeopardy, and that's simply unthinkable as long as there is even one veteran who needs us.

The only way to ensure the continued vitality of our VFW Auxiliary programs is for dedicated members like you to support them. We can't do it without you. And remember: Your money stays here to help veterans, service members and their families in our state. That's why your contributions are so critical.

It's time to put feet on your prayers as they say. I know your heart is in the right place, but now we must each actively support our Auxiliaries and the programs we all hold near and dear to our hearts.

We can't continue to be there for veterans if each one of us—if you—don't step up and do your part.

Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity and kindness. And thank you for supporting VFW Auxiliary programs that make such a difference for local veterans, service members and their families who need our help in hard times.