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Dear ReserveAid Supporters,

When we founded ReserveAid in 2006, we did so with a mission to meet immediate and critical needs for reservists and their families and an expectation that our work would not be in perpetuity. Today I am pleased to report that we have seen a significant and steady decline in claims as a result of reduced military deployment and improved service by the Veterans Administration in managing the needs of our heroes returning home.

This is not to say that the issues our service people face in dealing with the aftermath of war have subsided in any way. Rather, the number of reservists who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of deployment has significantly reduced. Candidly, ReserveAid could continue to raise a significant amount of money based upon your support. The trust you have placed in us is in large part why we have decided to cease fundraising and focus on the distribution of our funds. I have always said we want to be giving it away as fast as we are raising it, and that has changed so we must evolve as well.

I am very thankful and proud of what we have accomplished together. ReserveAid has raised over \$11.7 million and helped over 4750 families during a decade of work. We managed a charity that was able to run at less than 1% expense ratio due to the generosity of so many of you. Most of our services were donated and we managed our costs tightly and with great discipline. What started as a small idea grew into an institution that has had a significant impact on the military community and improved the lives of many military families.

While there are so many people to thank for these life-changing gifts, first and foremost is Jim Dondero, president and co-founder of Highland Capital Management, for his enduring support of ReserveAid. In addition to his significant financial support, Jim has given ReserveAid a free home in his offices for many years. Jim is a patriot and I cannot thank him enough.

I am equally thankful and forever changed by Polly Weidenkopf, ReserveAid's longtime Executive Director. Master Gunnery Sergeant Weidenkopf, or "Master Guns" as she is affectionately referred to by her fellow Marines, is an exceptional individual. She is a rare blend of love and toughness and she has changed my life as well as those of countless veterans whom we have had the privilege to serve. She has been the operational backbone and foundation that has allowed ReserveAid to coordinate thousands of grant requests. She has ensured that needs are met quickly, efficiently and with compassion. I am truly blessed to have Polly in my life, and ReserveAid would never have achieved all that we have without her leadership, drive and commitment.

Finally, I would like to thank our board of directors. They stood up when they saw a need to serve those who serve us, and did so selflessly and passionately. Never once in a decade did I ever hear doubt or anything other than "we will succeed at all costs in helping our veterans." I am proud to have worked with and learned from these leaders and am even more proud to call them my closest friends.

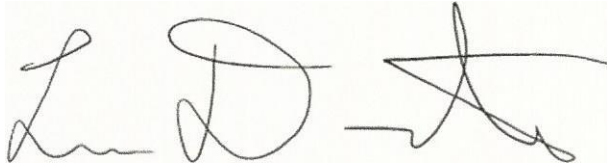
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Reserve Aid is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to providing financial support to the families of Reserve Service Members called to active duty in all five branches of the Armed Forces.

Selfishly, I love working with ReserveAid. It has given me so much more than I have given it in return, largely because of the people we have helped. Our veterans are our protectors and they embody strength and courage every day. I am humbled to have had this experience and to have been able to serve those who have served our country.

On behalf of all those we have helped I will say it one last time. Thank You

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'L. K. Deter'.

Lucas K. Deter

P.S. When the board made the decision to begin the wind down of Reserve Aid, we agreed to do so on one condition. If the need arises again, we will reconstitute and perform our duty to serve those who are giving it up for us!