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## Charity donates \$31K for new pavilion at VA hospital

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – The [Armed Forces Families Foundation](#), a charity organization helping military families in the southeast U.S., unveiled a new picnic pavilion during a ribbon cutting ceremony at Charles George Veterans Affairs Medical Center last Friday.

The pavilion will be used by the VA to support cookouts and other recreation activities for their residents, hospitalized veterans, outpatient programs and their families.

AFFF donated a total of \$31,978 for the supplies and construction of the 680 square-foot outdoor structure. The funds donated by AFFF were raised within the Asheville community in conjunction with local Taco Bell restaurants.

AFFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides 100 percent of the funds raised back to [projects to help military families](#).

“We are so proud to provide this new facility to Charles George VA Medical Center, our nation’s veterans and their families,” said John Wright, a member of the board at AFFF. “What makes this pavilion truly special is that it was funded by donations from the Asheville community.”

To date, the Armed Forces Families Foundation has raised and given back more than \$1.8 million to benefit military families. Recent projects include:

- \$14,994 purchase of 25 new HP ProBook computers and needed materials for Fort Gordon’s Freedom Park School
- \$26,282 to upgrade entertainment systems within the USO Naval Air Station Pensacola
- \$46,000 to install a new playground, accessible to over 300 families stationed on MacDill Airforce Base
- \$55,000 to refresh and renovate the USOs at Nashville International Airport and Fort Campbell
- \$40,000 renovation of the six-lane bowling alley at the Charlotte N.C. VA medical Center

To learn more about the Armed Forces Families Foundation or help fund other projects to help military members and their families, please visit [www.armedforcesfamilies.org/](http://www.armedforcesfamilies.org/).

### About Armed Forces Families Foundation:

The Armed Forces Families Foundation (AFFF), together with participating Taco Bell restaurants, are proud Supporters of America’s Armed Forces and their families. The ARMED FORCES FAMILIES FOUNDATION with its Taco Bell partners have raised over 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS. 100% of every dollar

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