



October 26, 2021

First name and spouse name Last name
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Address2
City, State zip



Dear First Name,

This holiday season, military families will be adjusting to the end of the 20-year war in Afghanistan, a second year of the coronavirus pandemic, and an unstable global economy. And like these **military families, civilian families** are realizing the need for **more mental health resources**. Resources that can help to diagnose and treat alcohol and drug addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders.

With your help we can ensure that our fellow Texas veterans and their families have access to high-quality psychotherapy that can be delivered in person or via telehealth. For **75 years, donors** like you have been providing drug and alcohol treatment for free or at subsidized rates.



Airman Angel Ayala in uniform

It's why Purple Heart recipient, Angel Ayala, wants the community to know that Recovery Resource Council is a **valuable resource for veterans** needing accessible therapy for their kids or spouse, help with housing, or outpatient treatment.

"Angel" to his friends and "Airman Ayala" while serving enlisted soon after high school. He was raised in Arlington, Texas, by a Puerto Rican father who pushed his children to succeed and a family with prior Air Force service. On June 25, 1996, Angel was severely injured in the Khobar Tower Bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. His life was changed forever.

Today, Angel has fourteen years of sobriety but the time after the Khobar Bombing until 2007 was difficult. It was a time Angel spent drinking to self-medicate what he eventually learned was Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He sought addiction treatment only once he realized that not doing so would mean death.

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The holidays can be especially hard and to those newly sober, Angel says, “Don’t forget the reason you went into recovery to begin with.” Angel joined Recovery Resource Council four years ago as a master’s level veteran counselor and found that he was able to meet his clients where they were because he could relate. He continues because of the hope he sees in his clients’ eyes.

But Angel hasn’t stopped there. He is also a donor and a Friends of the Council Giving Society member. Angel is a donor because he has “firsthand knowledge about how much good RRC does in the community” and he’s seen that “from the inside of the agency, from that vantage point.”



Angel and his dog Jasmin

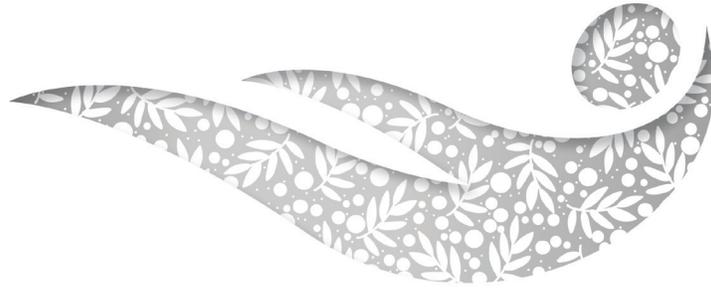
We’re asking you to join Angel and make a **tax-deductible gift** before **December 31** to ensure civilian and military families alike can have a safe, sober, and peaceful holiday season.

Happy holidays,

Eric Niedermayer, CEO

Maureen Maidlow, Board Chair

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