



Dear Michele Merrell and Richard DeNapoli,

Many thanks for hosting a tremendous benefit on SoldierStrong's behalf on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. You both did an excellent job pulling this event together within a short period of time, and we are forever grateful for your efforts! We are especially thankful for your specific contribution of \$21,319, which represents all the proceeds collected from ticket sales after expenses and taking no fee for yourselves, which was incredibly generous.

This event illustrated the strong sense of veteran support that exists in Broward County. Being in an environment like that is something we were honored to be a part of and were touched by the generosity that ensued. We are thrilled to report we raised \$140,000, which includes the matching gift that was promised and allows us to further the important work we do to help our nation's heroes take their next steps forward in life.

Your individual desires to support veterans and specifically SoldierStrong's mission made this event not only possible, but meaningful and very successful. Our efforts are targeted to ensuring our veterans receive the most advanced technology and revolutionary therapy available. Our veterans deserve nothing less than the best. It was obvious those in attendance also shared this sentiment.

We applaud your efforts for creating a dynamic evening filled with many patriotic Americans!

Lt. General Flynn's keynote address was especially poignant as he eloquently emphasized the many benefits we enjoy and the importance of never forgetting and always valuing the service and sacrifices of those that serve. Our Gold Star families have suffered the ultimate sacrifice and so many others are living with extremely challenging health and mental health problems due to their service to our country. It is our job to come together as a nation and care for those that have done so much to care for us.

Again, thank you Michele and Richard. It was a pleasure to work with you both. We know you put an enormous amount of personal time and energy into this event, going above and beyond, to ensure it was the great success that it was.

Thank you for your support of SoldierStrong!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Meek". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Chris Meek

Co-Founder and Chairman