



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

2011 NEOPAT ACTIVITY RECAP

Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, individual donors and corporate partners, the Northeast Ohio Foundation for Patriotism (NEOPAT) is making a positive impact in the community.

In our first 15 months under charter, NEOPAT was able to raise in excess of \$85,000 that was used to benefit local military families and promote patriotism throughout Northeast Ohio. Best of all, 100% of your donations, net of event costs, went directly to the cause because NEOPAT board members have made a commitment to absorb all administrative costs..



Help With Strings Attached

Sometimes all it takes is a familiar song to uplift the spirits of soldiers stationed far from home. At their store in Chagrin Falls, Warren Henry Music accepts donated guitars to clean, repair and restring for distribution to Northeast Ohio service members deployed overseas. Working through the USO of Northern Ohio, NEOPAT provided funds to ship five guitars. A small gesture, but one that's certainly in tune with our mission.

Get Involved

NEOPAT relies on your continued support. Consider making a **tax-deductible donation** using the secure Google checkout feature at neopat.org, or contact us about donating **auction items** (sports tickets, airline miles, vacations, etc.) for future fundraising efforts. If you'd rather **volunteer your time**, NEOPAT needs help with accounting/bookkeeping, envelope stuffing and other projects. Thank you.

2011 NEOPAT-SPONSORED EVENTS INCLUDED:

- Inaugural Red, White & Groove Gala
- Memorial Day Cookout in Hudson
- Adopt-A-Family / Adopt-A-Unit
- Break-A-Thon with Kim's College of Martial Arts
- Operation Play It Forward

Examples of how NEOPAT put your donations to good use in 2011:

- Enabled the USO of Northern Ohio to send 600 holiday care packages to troops overseas
- Helped Operation Homefront of Ohio purchase refrigerators, freezers, shelving and supplies to set up a food pantry that assisted more than 280 needy military families
- Impacted more than 1,400 families through the Northeast Ohio Troop and Family Assistance Center Adopt-A-Unit program
- Inspired 20+ sponsor families to directly participate in the Adopt-A-Family program that brightened the holidays for the families of servicemen
- Created a start-up fund for a Family Readiness Group to enhance the flow of information, provide tools for adjusting to military deployment and support the well-being of military families at the Akron Navy Operation Support Center
- Contributed to the Cpl. Brad Squires Memorial Fund which honors all Ohio service members who unselfishly gave their lives in duty in Iraq