

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program Article Submission**  
**Save the Family Foundation of Arizona**  
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**PHOTO CAPTION:**

*U.S. Navy veteran Craig Aubert with his family (LtoR): Taylor, 10; Tyler, 15; Caitlyn, 13; and mom Sherri Luck, found help and hope through Save the Family and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program.*

**U.S. Navy Veteran and Family Find Hope and New Life in Arizona Through Save the Family**

Moving from Louisiana to Arizona left U.S. Navy veteran Craig Aubert and his family with very few resources. He had no job. They didn't have friends or family in their newly adopted state, and they found themselves with no place to live. Craig was living in a men's shelter, separated from his fiancée, Sherri, and their children who were living in a shelter that served only women and children. The family felt disheartened and disconnected.

"I learned about the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program through the VA and was referred to Save the Family since they were located in the East Valley where we wanted to live as a family," Craig said.

Save the Family helped Craig and his family find affordable housing and provided financial assistance to help them with their apartment deposits—expenses that they could not afford on their own. Since that time, the family has thrived. Craig found a full-time, permanent position as a commercial painter. The children enrolled in their local school district and are adjusting well. Sherri applied for entry into Arizona's Army National Guard and is currently awaiting an enlistment date.

"Save the Family works to ensure that military Veterans and their families are taken care of in their time of need just as they have served all of us and our country honorably," said Kip Carroll, U.S. Air Force Veteran and Save the Family Veteran case coordinator. "There is something intrinsically wrong when you see the term 'homeless' and 'Veteran' together. That is a situation that Save the Family is working to erase."

“We are extremely grateful for what we received through Save the Family and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program,” Sherri said. “It’s a lifeline to Veterans and families like ours who want to be a contributing member of the community again.”

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona is one of the largest providers of housing and services for homeless families in the Valley. The agency partners with UMOM to operate the SSVF program for qualified Veterans and their families. Through the SSVF program, Save the Family has provided 18 Veterans and their families with affordable, stable housing and supportive services to get them back on their feet and on to a life of self-sufficiency. For more information, visit [www.savethefamily.org](http://www.savethefamily.org).

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