

21st TSC CARE Team Volunteer Application

What is a CARE Team?

CARE is an acronym that stand for Casualty Assistance Response. The CARE Team provides short-term care and support to the families of critically wounded and deceased Soldiers.

Who serves on a CARE Team?

CARE Team volunteers are usually from the same Battalion or Company as the affected Soldier and family, but may be drawn from other units in the Brigade.

What does a CARE Team do?

CARE Team assistance is provided at the request of the Family. Assistance is stopped when trusted friends and other Family members take over (usually within 72 hours after notification). A brief description of CARE Team volunteer positions follow.

CARE Team Leader – Coordinates volunteer support services for affected Family by assessing need for meals, childcare, home care and pet care. Organizes members of the CARE Team, including Meals Coordinator, Call Screener, ChildCare Coordinator and HomeCare Provider. **CARE Team Training is required.**

Meals Coordinator – Volunteer is requested by CARE Team Coordinator and works with members of the Meals Team to plan and assign dishes for preparation. Coordinator receives all meal courses from assigned volunteers and drops off all dishes at once to the affected family. **CARE Team Training is required.**

Meals Team Volunteer – Volunteer is requested by Meals Coordinator and works with a team of several volunteers to prepare food for the affected family. Each member of the Meals Team may make a course of the meal (ex, bread, salad, entrée, dessert) and drop it off to the Meals Coordinator. Meal Team members **do not** visit the affected family’s home.

Call Screener – Volunteer is requested by CARE Team Coordinator and assists affected family by answering home telephone and keeping a written log of all callers and home visitors. Volunteer may assist spouse with placing phone calls but **does not** inform caller of casualty. (only spouse makes notification) **CARE Team Training is required.**

ChildCare Coordinator – Volunteer is requested by CARE Team Coordinator and assists affected family by coordinating childcare and extracurricular activities for the children. **CARE Team Training is required.**

HomeCare Provider – Volunteer is requested by CARE Team Coordinator and assists affected family by writing down all questions and concerns and providing them to the Casualty Assistance Officer. The HomeCare Provider **does not** answer any questions. Volunteer may complete or arrange for household tasks with family’s permission. **CARE Team Training is required.**

What can I do?

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a CARE Team please complete the following information and return the bottom of this form to our Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA).

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First and Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Do you have CARE Team experience? _____ If yes, what position did you volunteer in? _____

Circle the CARE Team Position(s) you want to volunteer for:

CARE Team Leader Meals Coordinator Meals Team Volunteer Call Screener
ChildCare Provider HomeCare Provider