

CFC # 93327



About Us: Operation Second Chance (OSC) is a 501(c) 3 organization founded in March of 2005

Our Mission Statement: OSC is an Organization of patriotic citizens committed to serving our wounded, injured and ill combat veterans. We support Veterans and their families while they recover in military hospitals, by building relationships and identifying and supporting immediate needs and interests. OSC is dedicated to promoting public awareness of the many sacrifices made by the members of our Armed Forces.

Our Beginning: In September 2004, Cindy McGrew was prompted to do a web search of an Army unit that her friend, Mike Russo, was attached to. Russo was a Police Officer in Maryland and went to Iraq as an International Police Advisor in June of 2004. After Cindy found Russo's unit on the Stryker News website, she began reading the site daily for updates to ongoing situations. After hearing about three soldiers that were injured and en route to Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington, D.C. she immediately sent emails to the families. Cindy let them know that she lived fairly close to WRAMC, and offered her support and assistance as a contact in the area in the event they needed anything. She went to WRAMC and introduced herself to the three families and from there, developed life long bonds and friendships. Cindy began visiting families at the request of the other soldiers and Marines she had met. Soon, word spread and she seemed to be branching out to even more families, wanting to help in any way possible. Her initial compassionate efforts were the beginnings of what is today, Operation Second Chance.

Our Programs

Hospital Visits: OSC is a family oriented organization that begins working with our warriors and their families as soon as they transfer out of intensive care. Building lifelong relationships is what OSC was founded from and continues today to be one of our most important programs. From bringing in their favorite carryout and getting them PSPs or DVDs to help pass the time, OSC staff members are committed to serving those who serve us. As long as we have brave service members recovering in hospitals -- OSC will be there to help them through their recovery.

Essential Assistance: OSC is dedicated to providing support wherever it is most needed, and as quickly as possible. We have been helping seriously wounded veterans and their families with various types of assistance services for the past half-decade. OSC helps with financial assistance on such things as mortgages, utilities, and child care. Other assistance we provide includes everything from airline tickets to daily family support such as a baby strollers, diapers and formula. Whatever the need, we do what we can to help wounded warriors and their families as if they were our own.

Retreats & Day Trips: OSC hosts regular getaways to our heroes and their families. Whether it's a BBQ a half hour away or a week long excursion across the country, OSC does everything they can to get the troops and their families out of the hospital environment. Montana, Florida, the Bahamas, and Alaska are just a few of the areas OSC has hosted recovery retreats.

Operation No Person Left Behind (NPLB): Operation NPLB was founded in 2006 and is run by professional hunters, fisherman, and outdoor-minded people to ensure that disabled veterans always receive the best outdoor hunting and fishing opportunities. Operation NPLB hosts over 20 outings each year for disabled veterans from any conflicts. NPLB has joined forces with OCS and is now a part of the OSC's structure and program.

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