

**myVeteran Community Helps Student Veterans Achieve Food Security**  
***Local Non-Profit Receives Grant Funding to Place Food on Student Veteran's Tables***

Dayton, OH: The myVeteran Community through the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) is helping to address food insecurity for Student Veterans in our region.

Ohio has the sixth largest population of Veterans in the Country, with the Dayton region having the second largest population in the State, with over 200,000 Veterans. The Bob Woodruff Foundation, through the "Got Your 6" Initiative, has donated \$10,000 to SOCHE to assist in fighting Veteran food insecurity. SOCHE is proud to be a Bob Woodruff Foundation partner and our thanks go out to the Bob Woodruff Foundation and Craig Newmark Philanthropies for this funding to help in combating food insecurity among Student Veterans and their families. According to the Veterans Administration,

"...veterans are almost twice as likely to be food insecure [as] compared to the general population."<sup>1</sup>

The \$10,000 grant will reduce food insecurity for Student Veterans and their families in our region by providing one hundred Meijer gift cards.

SOCHE works with the 22 Colleges and Universities in our region to ensure Student Veterans are successful in their Higher Education endeavors. Through the College and University Veteran and Military Centers, SOCHE ensures that over 1,000 student veterans have access to the resources across the region that will enable their success. These resources include disability counseling, transition assistance, internships, jobs, healthcare, educational funding, and food assistance.

The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community is a community-based collective impact model, which enables Veteran advocates, service providers, Veterans, and stakeholders to have a voice in identifying their community goals for Veterans. The myVeteran Community collaborates to resolve issues at the local level to improve service delivery for Veterans, Service members, and their families. You can learn more about the myVeteran Community by visiting [www.soche.org/apdc/myveteran-community](http://www.soche.org/apdc/myveteran-community).

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.nutrition.va.gov/Food\\_Insecurity.asp](https://www.nutrition.va.gov/Food_Insecurity.asp)