



GIRE HOUSE

A HOME BUILT ON SHARED SACRIFICE

Honor The Fallen



Strengthen the Living



OUR MISSION

TO HONOR THE FALLEN BY SUPPORTING THOSE THEY LEFT BEHIND.

GIRE HOUSE OFFERS A HOME WHERE GOLD STAR FAMILIES AND COMBAT VETERANS, BOUND BY SACRIFICE, CAN REUNITE, REFLECT, AND GAIN STRENGTH AND HEALING IN ONE ANOTHER.



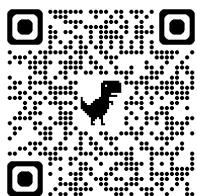
WHAT WE DO

HOUSING – Free temporary housing to allow Gold Star Families and Combat Veterans to gather, honor the fallen, and gain strength in one another.

PLANNING SUPPORT – A rough itinerary to follow and some good spots to go nearby.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE – www.girehouse.com

APPLY TO STAY AT GIRE HOUSE



HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE – Either help us get going strong with a one-time donation or provide enduring support as a Cornerstone Member for \$15 a month.



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/help-us-launch-our-mission>



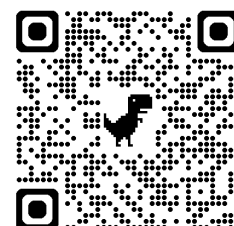
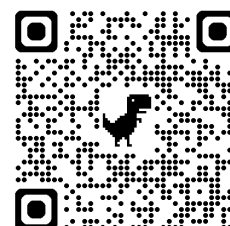
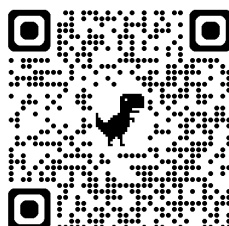
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OUR STORY

SSG Joshua Gire was a Squad Leader and Truck Commander of the lead vehicle in a Route Clearance Patrol (RCP) responsible for clearing routes of obstacles (mainly IEDs) so others could move freely and safely. After completing a mission and clearing a particularly dangerous route in Logar Province in the Tangi Valley of Afghanistan on 22 March 2011, while returning back to their base, SSG Gire's vehicle was ambushed. SSG Gire and his driver PFC Michael Mahr did not survive this attack.

While SSG Gire and PFC Mahr chose to lead from the front and both accomplished their mission on this day, these fallen heroes both left behind young and growing families. SSG Gire left behind his wife Jackie, his 5 y/o son Nicholas and his 2 y/o daughter Riley. PFC Mahr left behind his wife Stephanie and his 3 y/o son Jadon. On top of this, they both left behind parents, siblings, and countless brothers and sisters in arms.

The years following this traumatic event and others has proven to us that many chose to face this loss alone and they have struggled. Suicide, overdose, violence... It can be difficult to open up to others about loss like this. Surely few could understand the unique experience that one person has faced; however, You Are Not Alone! When you open up you'd be surprised how many people in this world are carrying similar burdens. People who seem to have it all together on the outside fighting battles within.

We have found it easiest to open up to those people who have been impacted by the same sacrifice. This is the mission of Gire House. To give these people, who are bound by this common sacrifice, a safe and free space to gather, remember those they lost and gain strength and healing in the understanding that They Are Not Alone.

Since the loss of SSG Gire and PFC Mahr, there have been two large gatherings like this in Arlington, VA. People traveling from far and wide to honor these fallen heroes. In the process, the people who attended were able to reconnect and deepen their powerful bond; however, too many people cited money as the reason they could not make the trip. Generally, they didn't "want to be a burden on others."

Please help us in letting these people know, who have already sacrificed so much, that they could never be a burden. We can share this burden together. We Are Not Alone.

GIRE HOUSE WAS FOUNDED IN MEMORY OF:



SSG JOSHUA S. GIRE



**Whose life of service continues through a mission to care for families
and brothers and sisters in arms left behind**

