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Military Moms Supported by Star-Spangled Babies® Baby Shower

Fifty new and expecting moms participated in a drive-through baby shower hosted by Operation Homefront and presented by Runbeck Election Services

In honor of Military Appreciation Month, 50 new and expecting military moms were treated to a baby shower just for them. <u>Operation Homefront</u> hosted a Star-Spangled Babies® shower earlier this month at <u>Runbeck Election Services</u>' headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Due to deployments and frequent relocation, military parents-to-be often live far from their extended families and support systems," said Leticia Pena, Operation Homefront program manager. "Our Star-Spangled Babies® showers provide these new and expectant parents with early childhood education tips and a support system when loved ones are far away."

The event was open to military moms in all ranks of active duty, Guard and Reserve families, and families of wounded, ill, and injured veterans. Every parent received donated gifts and educational information to help them in their new role as a mom.

"Partnering with Operation Homefront to host the Star-Spangled Babies shower was a truly wonderful experience; all of the military moms and moms-to-be were so grateful for the opportunity to participate," said Elizabeth Sommers, Human Resources Manager at Runbeck. "We are always eager to offer our facilities and volunteer power to support important community causes."

In addition to the signature Star-Spangled Babies event, Operation Homefront provides critical financial assistance, transitional and permanent housing and family support services to prevent short-term needs from turning into chronic, long-term struggles. Operation Homefront is prepping for their annual Back to School Brigade, providing hundreds of military children a backpack and school supplies as they prepare for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. If you would like to volunteer or donate to this amazing event, please contact your local Operation Homefront field office or visit www.OperationHomefront.org.

Even during busy election cycles, Runbeck regularly works with nonprofits to provide financial, in-kind and volunteer support. Recently at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, Runbeck launched the Feed 'em Food Fight Challenge. In an effort to help their partners' across the country, tools and support were provided to organize and replenish their local food banks.