



The loss of Deborah's husband shattered her world. As someone who had served her country for more than 20 years, she never anticipated her world would be shaken in peacetime during what was a quiet March. But by this April, Deborah realized that after the cost of the funeral, her savings account was depleted and her salary alone wouldn't be enough for her to pay the rent due since February when her husband fell ill.

With help catching up on the rent and assistance in getting military benefits, Deborah is much more financially stable. With the gift of the store card for medication purchases, provided through United Way and the CVS Health grant, she's able to afford three months of the blood pressure medication she previously was taking every other day to "stretch it out" because of the cost.

Deborah and her granddaughter want to say thanks for not forgetting this veteran. They appreciate all those who have donated to provide help to those like her impacted by COVID-19 in our community. Deborah will be continuing to teach her granddaughter the importance of service exemplified not just by military members, but all those on the frontline of the war against COVID-19 and other crisis in our community.

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