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## TDECU and Combined Arms Deliver Thousands of Gifts to Veteran Families Effort comes as demand for support is increasing



TDECU volunteers greet veteran families arriving at Operation Santa at Minute Maid Park.

<u>TDECU</u> joined forces with <u>Combined Arms</u> as the proud presenting sponsor of the 13th annual Operation Santa benefiting military and veteran families at Union Station at Minute Maid Park hosted by <u>The Astros Foundation</u> this past Sunday, Dec. 18.

More than 250 families attended the special party. The children enjoyed visits with Santa, suggled teddy bears and made holiday crafts. Meanwhile, their parents collected over 3,000 gifts donated and wrapped by TDECU Members and employees.







"This year has been challenging for many of our veterans due to the increased cost of living. Our top requested resources in the last few months were financial assistance, rent/mortgage assistance, food assistance, and career

services. We are incredibly thankful for TDECU's support. Thanks to you, more than 250 families across Texas will have a very special Christmas," said Mia Garcia, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Network, powered by Combined Arms.



Pictured: Mia Garcia, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Network & Isaac Johnson, TDECU President & CEO and Volunteers

"Our purpose is to help people navigate their financial journeys, and that goes beyond our banking services, it also involves helping the communities we serve. Our hope is that our Members and employees are proud to call TDECU their credit union because of our community outreach. We will continue to support initiatives that help our local communities thrive," remarked Isaac Johnson, TDECU President & CEO.

Combined Arms is a nonprofit organization that connects transitioning veterans and the military-connected with services, resources, community, and purpose to accelerate their impact. By bringing together veteran-focused

nonprofits, agencies, and communities, Combined Arms provides resources that empower veterans to lead the successful civilian lives they want, making our community stronger than ever.

The credit union leads, <u>TDECU Cares</u>, a united, employee-wide effort committed to giving back and improving lives. <u>Click here</u> for more information on the community engagement program.



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