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To our Supporters and Partners:

Well, we pulled it off together! Twenty five (25) Veterans and family attended the UAB game! That is a great start! It was a great day, and I wish everyone could have been there when we gave the tickets out. It was Christmas in September! Only a few of the Veterans had been to a game before.

We would like to send a special thanks to Keven Cohen with WVOC for reading our email and inviting us on his show. Without him launching us, this would not have happened. Thanks Keven for all you do for the Veterans in this country.

We received 18 tickets from Lillian McCollum and David Knight! Lillian put the word out in her group, and the tickets came in! James and Melanie Bowers gave us 4 tickets! Carolyn Jackson / Eddie Bignon and Lyn and Rebecca Bailey gave 2 tickets each! But the Bailey's did not stop there.

The Baileys are proprietors of several **Subway** restaurants in Marion and Hartsville. They provided sandwiches with all of the trimmings, fresh baked cookies, and even popcorn for 30 people! And 2 tickets! The Bailey's spent a lot of time with the Veterans. Lyn is a Veteran, and their son is currently serving in the Navy. You could see the pride in Lyn and Rebecca by giving back to these Veterans.

This was all put together in one week, and we needed our handout and signs quickly. Jimmy and Mike Kohn with Professional Printers came through for us and printed twelve thousands cards in 2 days, at NO CHARGE!

Robert Batson with Budweiser printed and donated over a dozen signs in 2 days also! Robert arranged for us to have a "prime spot" with direct access to the people walking and sitting in traffic on Bluff Road. You would have thought that would have been enough but it wasn't. Robert walked in Saturday morning with four (4) Carolina Panther Tickets! Mrs. Maney had takers for the tickets within minutes. The Veteran, her husband, and her two young boys thought they had just won the lottery when they got the tickets! You should have seen them and their excitement when they picked them up...it was priceless!

We would also like to thank Colonel Reed with Fort Jackson for spending time with us and for offering great ideas! He provided help for our tent on Bluff Road in order to get the word out about the program! Ricky Johnson, a Veteran, and his son, Coleman, worked the tent for the program on Saturday along with Nate from Fort Jackson.

Thanks to Robert Gunning for working very hard and fast to get our website up. He has more ideas he wants incorporate into the website. Over the weekend we had over 150 hits on the website! Thanks Robert!

Thanks to everyone for making this possible for the Combat Veterans! We have the base program ready, and we are better organized for the next game.

We have several weeks before the LSU game. Please share the news about the program and network for the Veterans with all of your friends. Let us know if you have any questions or Tickets. You would not believe how much these Veterans appreciated it!

Thanks again for your support!

What some of the Veterans had to say...

..My husband and I both want to say thank you so much! I have never been to a game and he has wanted me to go since we got married (five years ago!!). We are looking forward to a great time tomorrow - and once again thank you so much for EVERYTHING!

..THANK YOU SO MUCH !!!!!!!

..WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE TICKETS THIS PAST SATURDAY EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. I DID NOT CHECK MY E-MAIL SAT SO I MISSED OUT ON THE PANTHERS TICKETS BUT WANTED TO SAY THANKS!