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Our Supporters and Partners:

Well we ended up with only the 4 tickets that Robert and I donated. These Veterans had a great time. We had 26 other Veterans we could not place with tickets. I actually saw tickets on the ground that people could not sell and was just thrown away. What a waste! I also too many people that leaving the game at half time! At all the tickets we have given away in our one year history only one Veteran that came back before the game was over and he actually had to leave because he was ill.

This is going to be an exciting week for Gamecock football and we know tickets for this week will even be harder to get. So we have a new game plan. We have some ideas that may work but we will need help. The biggest problem is getting the tickets pledged or delivered so the Veteran can plan for the game. Many of these Veterans do not live in the Columbia area and have to travel to the game.

The idea we have is to see if we can get donors (corporate and individuals) to purchase tickets a fixed rate so we can plan for the events better. We need 20 tickets for each remaining game. That would be 120 tickets for the remaining season. We are checking to see if this is a viable solution and will let you know. We still would like to get the donated tickets and use them for local Veterans to attend a game.

We were able to park a group of Veterans at our facility since they already had tickets. I received an email from the group this morning and I would like to share it with you.

My name is Billy Darland. You let us tailgate in the combat vets tailgating area. I wanted to email you to tell you thank you for letting us tailgate there. Me and my fellow vets had so much fun all day there and you facility. It is so nice to see that in this country with everyone so caught up with the economy and the news hardly even showing anything on the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, that there still are a few "true Americans" willing to look out for and support American soldiers. I will continue to pass the word around of tickets for combat vets around to company's in the area and hopefully more people will learn how they too can help support American soldiers. Thank you again from all of us that met you on Saturday and people like you are who we truly serve for in the Army.

SGT Billy Darland
SSG Andrew Keith
SSG Brian Spera
SSG Ramon Ruiz
SGT Christopher Gumz
U.S. Army

If you know of anyone that has tickets ask them to give us a call at 803-622-9389. We just need pledges right now and we will pickup the tickets for Thursday night's game.

We appreciate everyone's help!

Sincerely,

Mike and Robert