FACT SHEET

Spirit of America works alongside US troops and diplomats to help them save and improve lives around the world.

“Spirit of America’s unique capability is figuring out what needs to be done and doing it. It has truly saved lives. It has been worth its weight in gold to us.”

General Jim Mattis, US Marine Corps, Retired

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WHO WE ARE
Spirit of America is a nonprofit citizen service organization founded in response to the attacks of 9/11. Our mission is to engage citizens in preserving the promise of a free and better life. We are recognized by Congress and approved by the Department of Defense to work alongside deployed US troops and provide private assistance to meet the local needs they identify.

WHAT WE DO
Spirit of America works with US servicemembers and diplomats to meet the needs they identify as top priorities. We fill the gaps between what’s needed on the front lines and what government can do. Our support includes humanitarian, economic, and partner assistance: material goods, expertise, and project funding.

HOW WE DO IT
We bring private sector resources, speed, and flexibility to deliver exactly the assistance that our partners in the US military and State Department tell us is needed most.

WHY WE DO IT
America is built on citizen service, ordinary Americans doing their part. We are citizens serving the nation, doing our part to promote values shared by Americans and our allies, strengthen relationships with friends and partners, and demonstrate that the United States is a friend of those who seek a better life.

WHY IT MATTERS
Spirit of America is the way to help those who serve our nation abroad return home safely and proud of their success. We help our troops and diplomats build trust and goodwill, prevent conflict, and strengthen America’s security. Our work saves and improves lives. In the world’s toughest places, people experience the best of who Americans are and what we stand for.

Responding to the Afghanistan crisis
Working alongside US troops and diplomats, we helped get at-risk Afghans out of immediate danger and provided urgent assistance to over 30,000 Afghan evacuees in the Middle East and Europe.

Answering Russian aggression and propaganda
In response to US Army Europe and the US Ambassador to Ukraine, we funded a radio station that meets the information needs of Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines.

Strengthening relationships in Eastern Europe
To demonstrate American friendship amid Russian influence in Moldova, we worked with the US Embassy to provide clean water, cancer screenings, and school supplies to rural communities.

No endorsement of Spirit of America by the Dept. of Defense, Dept. of State or their personnel is intended or implied.
“Spirit of America is a whole of nation approach to service that strengthens our national security.”
Michèle Flournoy, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

“Spirit of America represents a new capability – not just another nonprofit.”
General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., US Marine Corps, Retired

PATRIOTISM WITHOUT POLITICS
Spirit of America is citizens serving the nation, working together to demonstrate America at its best and doing our part to preserve the promise of a free and better life.

NOT NEUTRAL
Most organizations that provide assistance overseas are neutral. As a matter of principle and doctrine, they will not directly support US personnel. Spirit of America is not neutral. We take the side of America’s troops and diplomats. We only provide assistance in support of their safety and success, and the local people and partners they seek to help. We are also not political. We take no position on policy or politics: when America’s men and women are sent to serve abroad, we support them and their top priorities.

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