

YOUR UNITED WAY GIFT CREATES ANOTHER...

# STORY OF SUCCESS



## Helping Those Who Help Us



Rick was in the U. S. Army stationed overseas when he learned of the death of his grandfather—a man who was more like a father to him. His sister, Sonja, was back in the states grieving the death alone and desperately trying to get her brother home to attend the funeral. But as she found out, the military doesn't automatically grant funeral leave for soldiers who are not considered "immediate" family members.

But Sonja hoped that by calling the American Red Cross, she would get help with their family emergency. By thoroughly exploring the situation, the Red Cross volunteer discovered that Sonja and Rick's grandfather had a huge part in their up-bringing. He had been their primary male role model as well as financial support. Without him, they would have been lost as a family.

When the Red Cross was able to provide these significant details to the military, leave was indeed granted to Rick and he was able to make it home in time to be a pall bearer at his grandfather's funeral and be there to support his sister in her grief.

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**INFLUENCE**  
THE CONDITION OF ALL.  
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