# For the Love of a Veteran: Supporting Our Nation's Heroes

# Our Mission and History

For the Love of a Veteran was established in 2013 with a single goal: to assist our nation's heroes suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS). Our enduring mission is to save as many lives as possible, or at the very least, to improve the quality of life for those who have served.

## Discovering a Life-Changing Solution

In June 2021, we became aware of the Stellate Ganglion Block—a procedure that has proven to be both life changing and life saving for many veterans. Recognizing its effectiveness, we began funding the cost of this procedure due to the overwhelming demand and the fact that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was not sufficiently meeting this need. Since then, we have covered the cost of 767 procedures, amounting to approximately \$994,500.

#### Collaboration and Referrals

Many of the veterans we assist are referred to us by various VAs, therapists, and doctors' offices. However, there are inconsistencies in access: while some VAs on the West Coast provide these procedures, others do not. The key issue is that doctors must receive specialized training from experts in order to administer the procedure correctly. Importantly, this treatment carries no harmful side effects, does not involve drugs that could cause additional health or mental health concerns, and has been shown to be an effective component of a comprehensive treatment plan for PTS and traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), especially when combined with therapy.

## The Importance of Supporting Our Veterans

If we are willing to send our loved ones into service, we must also be willing to help heal them upon their return. Veterans are more than just service members—they are our friends, family members, and integral members of our communities. They have made immense sacrifices, including missing holidays, major life milestones, and, in some cases, paying the ultimate price. It is our responsibility to provide them with the support they deserve.

#### A Call to Action

We urge you to vote in favor of making the Stellate Ganglion Block a first-line defense for our nation's heroes. By doing so, we can give them a fighting chance at recovery and a better quality of life.

#### Voices of Veterans and Their Families

- "The injection has relieved my stress and anxiety. My mind feels so relaxed. I can actually focus on what I am doing and complete tasks. I no longer get so upset and lose my mind. Love to all of you for a life changing gift!"
- "I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for my husband. He has struggled internally for quite awhile, we just did not know where to turn. This injection has done wonders so far, he feels different in a good way. He has more energy and a better ability to tackle his day."
- "This injection gave me a chance to reset my anger, my anxiety and the ability to let bad things go much easier. If you ask my wife, she would tell you how I am more pleasant to be around. I have struggled with depression for years and I never smiled much and rarely laughed. I find joy in simple things now. The injection has changed my entire life!"
- "I just finished my procedure, I can't even begin to thank you enough for this opportunity to actually feel like I can have a real and normal life for not only myself but my family. I am so grateful and blessed that this had all come together when it did. I was at an all time low from years of nothing really helping and only getting more withdrawn, isolated and frustrated, anxious and honestly just felt 'done'. I wanted you to know how thankful I am for all you do and have done."