

Home Run For Hero's Campaign

The Lakewood BlueClaws have teamed up with Ocean First Foundation to launch a "Home Runs for Heroes" program. Throughout the season, each time a BlueClaws player hits a home run at FirstEnergy Park, a charity that provides emergency financial assistance to local soldiers – active and retired – and their dependents will receive a \$1,000 donation from OceanFirst Foundation.

Our American Red Cross Jersey Coast Chapter was selected to be a recipient of these funds to support our Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) program. Chartered by Congress to provide humanitarian relief to members of our Armed Forces, but unable to receive government funding as a neutral organization, these funds will help local families receive emergency communication & leave, leave extensions, access to financial assistance and referrals through our AFES program. We anticipate 350 local military personnel and their families will be served this year through our Jersey Coast Chapter.

"Our military personnel give the ultimate sacrifice while defending our freedom and liberty here at home," said BlueClaws General Manager Geoff Brown. "We thank Ocean First Foundation for their contributions and for giving us the opportunity to participate in this one-of-a-kind program."

"Ocean First Foundation is proud to partner with the BlueClaws and provide much needed support to organizations that help local soldiers and their families overcome financial and other unique challenges due to their service or deployment," said Katherine Durante, Executive Director of Ocean First Foundation.

"Our American Red Cross Jersey Coast Chapter is proud to be selected to join this important initiative. We are dedicated to the welfare and well being of our military and know these donations will help us respond when needed," said Tara Kelly, CEO of the Chapter.

