



Tuesday's Children Adds Three Executive Appointments Dedicated to Serving Gold Star Families in the U.S.

The National Nonprofit that Serves Communities Impacted by Terrorism, Military Conflict, and Mass Violence Welcomes Tina Saari, Rachele Belt, and Patty Morgan to Expand their Services to Military Families of the Fallen

Manhasset, New York – August 10, 2022 – The national non-profit [Tuesday's Children](#), which recently marked its 20th anniversary and was formed in the aftermath of Tuesday, September 11th, continues to expand its services to Gold Star families with the announcement of **Tina Saari** as the new **Director of Gold Star Family Programs** based in Bell County, Texas; **Rachele Belt** as **Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager of Gold Star Family Programs** based in Baltimore, MD; and **Patty Morgan** as **Southwest Regional Manager of Gold Star Family Programs** based in Austin, Texas.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tina Saari, Rachele Belt, and Patty Morgan to our team to continue to serve our Gold Star families, especially in communities that has some of the highest Gold Star family populations in the U.S.," said **Terry Sears, Executive Director of Tuesday's Children**. "For over 20 years, our mission has been to provide long-term healing and resilience-building support to those impacted by terrorism, military conflict, and mass violence. As part of our ongoing mission, we have been dedicated to providing a lifetime of healing for our Gold Star families and continue to see an increased demand to support family members through mentorship, mental health and wellness, careers and education, supportive retreats, and their lifelong journey."

With nearly two decades of experience of serving veterans and military families of the fallen, **Tina Saari** was previously with the Travis Manion Foundation as the Senior Director of National Engagement Programs, leading the organization's various programs from survivor expeditions to legacy projects to mental health and well-being initiatives and beyond. Saari also served as the Outreach and Education Specialist at the National Military Family Bereavement Study and was the Director of Regional Programs and Military Installations at the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS.) As a military spouse, Saari is a graduate of Texas A&M University and received her B.S. in Economics with a minor in Psychology and Marketing. She co-authored two chapters in Hospice Foundation of America's books, focused on living with grief for adolescents and children, and is on various boards for military affiliated programs. Tina was named as a HillVets "Top 100 Most Influential Veterans, Service Members and Supporters."

"I'm honored to join the team at Tuesday's Children who have been supporting families impacted by military conflict since its inception. I've dedicated my life to serving the families of our fallen heroes of all ages and have been privileged to help these families thrive and live their new normal," said **Tina Saari, Director of Gold Star Family Programs of Tuesday's Children**.

As a Maryland native, **Rachele Belt** is Tuesday's Children's Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager for Gold Star Programs, focusing on community engagement, outreach, operations management, volunteer management, cultivating relationships, and strategic programs. Previously, she served as the Baltimore & Chesapeake Region Director for Blue Star Families. She was also the Regional Manager for the American Red Cross Service to the

Armed Forces at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, National Military Affairs Program Manager for American Humane, and the Program Specialist for the USO Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore Warrior and Family Center at Naval Support Activity in Bethesda. As a military spouse, Rachele received her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and both her Master of Science in Management and Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland, University College.

Patty Morgan, Army spouse and now Veteran spouse, has supported and served Gold Star families since 1998. Patty joined Tuesday's Children in September 2021 as the Southwest Regional Manager-Gold Star Families Programs, spearheading outreach, development, and volunteer engagement in Central Texas, as well as programming for Gold Star families along with special events planning and execution. Prior to Tuesday's Children, Patty served on the Tuesday's Children Military Advisory Board for two years, while working as a Senior Benefits Advisor for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington. Patty also served as the local Director of Family Programs at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) for the JBLM Washington chapter, helping to establish a memorial scholarship foundation for military children of over 50,000 family members and advancing public-private partnerships to support military youth. Patty also served as a Senior Advisor at the Army Family Readiness Program and on various executive boards for the Association of the United States Army and Joint Base Lewis-McChord both based in Washington State. She received her Bachelor of Arts, Business in Marymount University in Arlington, VA.

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ABOUT TUESDAY'S CHILDREN

Building on 20+ years of dedicated service, Tuesday's Children has provided support to over 45,000 individuals impacted by terrorism, military conflict, and mass violence, including supportive services to build resilience in 3,051 children who lost a parent on 9/11; thousands of 9/11 responder families; and 37,000+ families grieving the death of post-9/11 military service members; 6,000+ youth served through their [Career Resource Center](#); and 950+ young adults from 34 countries with Project COMMON BOND. Tuesday's Children provides a lifetime of healing for families who have been forever changed by terrorism, military conflict, or mass violence. Through a time-tested, long-term approach, Tuesday's Children programming serves and supports our nation's Military Families of the Fallen; builds resilience and common bonds in communities worldwide recovering from tragedies; and keeps the promise to support all those impacted by Tuesday, September 11th. For more information, please visit www.tuesdayschildren.org.

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