

November 6, 2020

#Together NJ

QuickChek raises \$109K for local military vets and their families



QuickChek has raised \$109,000 to honor our nation's military veterans and their families through two recent fundraisers as it continues to support its local communities. (L-R) QuickChek's Lou Linares, Drew Allen and Leonard Cottrell present Mike Ferraro and Toni Gianatiempo of Bridging The Gap for Veterans with a donation of \$45,000 at the fresh convenience chain's Farmingdale store. photo courtesy of Russ Mensch/Mensch & Company

By Chris Sheldon | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com

Convenience store chain QuickChek will celebrate Veterans Day this year with the news that it raised \$109,000 through two recent fundraisers that will benefit local military veterans and military families.

The company, which is based out of Whitehouse Station in Hunterdon County, raised \$45,000 through its annual Sept. 17 golf outing at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, QuickChek announced Thursday in a release.

The money will be used for Manasquan-based Bridging The Gap for Veterans, a non-profit organization whose goal is to prepare and provide the entire military community and family members with career transition coaching and access to veteran-friendly corporations to help secure job interviews for veterans following their service.

QuickChek has hired a half-dozen veterans through Bridging The Gap for Veterans in the two years they have been working together, the company said.

"We're proud to continue to honor our veterans and we wish to also thank the owners, management team and staff at Beaver Brook Country Club for stepping in to accommodate the event during the COVID-19 pandemic," QuickChek Corporate Loss Prevention Manager Lou Linares said in a statement.

Linares noted that the pandemic forced the company to move its annual fundraiser from June to September and seek another venue on short notice.

The company also recently concluded its in-store fundraiser with Semper Fi & America's Fund and raised \$64,000 to help provide immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, according to the release.

Customers were asked to purchase paper military boots for \$1 at the company's 160 convenience stores in the metropolitan area, round up their purchases or donate coins at checkout counters during the six-week long promotion.

QuickChek has now raised more than \$700,000 in the past six years in support of local military veterans and their families, the company said.