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Comptroller Franchot Presents Operation We Care with Wicomico County Schaefer Award

Nonprofit has supported those who serve since 2007

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 8, 2020) - Comptroller Peter Franchot has virtually presented the Wicomico County [William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award](#) to Operation We Care. Founders Jeff and Diana Merritt accepted the award honoring their work supplying military personnel and first responders with critically needed supplies.

"Whether providing personal protective equipment for first responders, delivering meals to law enforcement or sending 2,000 care packages annually to active duty soldiers, Operation We Care supports those serving their country and their communities on the front lines," said Comptroller Franchot. "Their work embodies the principles held dear by William Donald Schaefer, the late Baltimore mayor, governor and comptroller, and I am honored to recognize Jeff and Diana."

View the virtual ceremony [here](#).

Despite COVID-19 postponing one of their largest events, Operation We Care continues to hold socially-distanced fundraisers to support those who serve. Visit the [Operation We Care website](#) for more information and ways to participate.

Since 2012, Comptroller Franchot has annually traveled to each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions to honor an individual or organization serving their community. This year, all Schaefer Award presentations will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Individual press releases will be sent announcing each of the honorees, along with a link to view the virtual ceremony.

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