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WASHINGTON, DC – Becky Campbell, Founder/CEO of the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund™ was one of fifteen other military support organizations invited by President George W. Bush to a private meeting at the White House today to discuss the importance of their work, and to thank them for their support of the military at home and abroad.

The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund is a nonprofit organization founded in October 2003 as a means of providing college grants and financial assistance to surviving children and spouses of U.S. military service members who lost their lives in service to their country. Our programs extend to families of disabled service members as well.

Our visit was to be held in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, however, we received two surprises that afternoon. The first surprise was that the first lady, Laura Bush was also interested in meeting each of us and the second was that President Bush decided to hold the meeting in the Oval office. It made our meeting that much more special as we gathered as a group to listen to our President's outlook on the current conflicts and the events that brought us to this day, beginning with September 11th. Both the President and his wife were very welcoming as he gave us a tour of his office and provided a look into the history of this wonderful setting. "I was genuinely honored to have an opportunity to meet our Commander-in-Chief in person and thanked him as I left with a huge hug for his steadfast strength and determination." He and Laura welcomed us as if we were part of the family and I felt so at ease it seemed as if we were "down on the ranch." One of the others asked if he ever felt there were ghosts around in the office and immediately one of the French doors flew open, laughing he said, well that was Abe Lincoln checking in. It was an honor for me to be invited to the White House for this important meeting with President Bush. "He recognized how important our work on behalf of our men and women in uniform is, and that this nationwide support is critical to their morale."

The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund™ is one of the many America Supports You team members. America Supports You is a worldwide outreach program, launched by the Department of Defense, to recognize citizens' support for our military men and women and to communicate that support to members of our Armed Forces and their families at home and abroad. By communicating these local and national initiatives to our military members and their families, America Supports You helps boost the morale of men and women in uniform. This effort also provides Americans with a venue in which to show their support and appreciation to our Armed Forces and their families.