

ARMY COMMUNITY COVENANT

In order to publicly confirm our long standing commitment and daily support of those who so bravely serve this great nation, both at home and abroad, at this critical time in our Nation's history, We, the Community, pledge this covenant to our active duty Army, Army Reserves and National Guard and their Families.

By so doing, We humbly recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

- **The heroic sacrifices and heavy price Soldiers and their Families are called upon to make every day for the cause of freedom;**
- **The distinctive commitment of those Families who have lost loved ones and whose loved ones are returning to them wounded and injured;**
- **That over half of today's Soldiers are married, bringing 500,000 spouses and 700,000 children into the Army with them;**
- **That Fort Jackson, formerly Camp Jackson, is more than a military installation; it is an affair of the heart between a Community that purposefully invited Soldiers and their Families to become an integral part of everyday life here;**
- **That the current economic impact of this military installation is more than \$2 billion per year and that over the next 5 years, the Community will welcome over 5,000 new families and three quarters of a billion dollars in new construction;**
- **That for Soldiers' Families to be strong, they must have the pledged support of the combined strengths of all within the Community to include Employers, Educators, Civic and Business Leaders and Citizens;**

Therefore, We, the Community, commit to building strong partnerships that support the strength, resilience and readiness of Soldiers and their Families, so that Soldiers can gain comfort in knowing their Families are not alone.

By signing this covenant on this day, Friday, June 13, 2008, We do so pledge.