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### **Charity Navigator Awards OMK with Highest 4-Star Rating**

**McLean, Virginia** – The country’s largest charity evaluator has once again given its coveted 4-star rating to Our Military Kids. It’s the third year in a row (and the sixth time overall) that Charity Navigator has awarded its top rating to Our Military Kids.

In a letter announcing the rating, Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator, wrote, “This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way.”

Thatcher added, “Only 21% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 3 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Our Military Kids outperforms most other charities in America.”

Charity Navigator plays a critical role in helping donors understand the financial integrity of a nonprofit. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the financial health, accountability and transparency of more than 8,000 charities.

“This rating tells our supporters that we’re using their donations in the most expedient way possible,” said Linda Davidson, founder of Our Military Kids. “The military families we serve have made incredible sacrifices and we’re committed to ensuring that every dollar counts when we honor them.”

Last year, Our Military Kids received slightly more than \$2 million in donations, and 92% of those donations were spent directly on children’s programs. In the most recent survey of families who received grants for activities, almost all respondents said the grants improved the entire family’s well-being, as well as decreased their child’s stress and anxiety.

Our Military Kids, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit providing substantial support to children of deployed National Guard and Military Reserve service members and to children of severely injured service members and veterans from all active and reserve military branches. For more information, visit [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org) or call Gretchen Hitchner at 703-734-6654.

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