

NASCAR DRIVER RACING FOR OUR MILITARY KIDS



Corey LaJoie, a 27-year-old, third generation NASCAR driver, made his debut as a spokesman for Our Military Kids during the Daytona 500 this year. "The entire Nascar community stands behind our military and appreciates the sacrifices they make for us," LaJoie said. Before the race, several Florida families joined LaJoie trackside and had the chance to see his car up close. During the remainder of the NASCAR Cup season, LaJoie hopes to raise awareness and funds for Our Military Kids through traditional media, his own social media, and dedicated logo placement on his car and uniform.

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WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR OUR MILITARY KIDS

In February, Wounded Warrior Project announced its support of Our Military Kids through a \$100,000 grant that will provide academic tutoring, sports or fine arts lessons for children of severely injured veterans and service members. The grant will help close to 350 children whose parents are recovering from their injuries.

"Children of wounded veterans are impacted in life-changing ways as they shoulder burdens of caring for their parent," said René Bardorf, WWP senior vice president of government and community relations. "Our Military Kids give military children opportunities to have fun, learn new skills, and enjoy other after school activities. We're proud to partner with Our Military Kids in affecting positive change for these worthy children."



Our Military Kids has served children of severely injured service members and veterans for ten years. Rob Clapper, executive director, said the support from Wounded Warrior Project is critical for military families experiencing a tough transition. "The recovery process can be long and difficult. Giving these kids a positive outlet for the stress they're experiencing will have a long-term impact," Clapper said.

Since 2012, WWP has partnered with over 158 different organizations involved in the care of America's military community by providing more than \$80.9 million in grants. To learn more about how WWP partnerships with organizations like Our Military Kids are improving the lives of millions of warriors and their families, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org



Above: Grant recipient Jeroen was awarded the opportunity to play on a local lacrosse team while his father recovers from severe combat injuries, thanks to donors like WWP.



Supporting
military families
...one child at a
time.



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TOP RATING BY CHARITY NAVIGATOR

The nation's leading charity evaluator has given its highest four-star rating to Our Military Kids for the fourth consecutive year, and for the seventh time in the nonprofit's history.

President and CEO of Charity Navigator, Michael Thatcher, said the rating sets Our Military Kids apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness. "Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Our Military Kids exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work," Thatcher said. "People can trust their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Our Military Kids."



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OMK FOUNDER, PRESIDENT RETIRES



Above: Linda Davidson and grant recipient Easton Shane, a 16-year-old singer-songwriter, during Our Military Kids' 2018 celebration of military children.

For 14 years, Linda Davidson spent her days working to acknowledge the sacrifice of military families. She wanted to provide grateful Americans a way to support and take care of children whose parents were deployed.

She knew that men and women serving overseas would feel a little more at ease if they knew their children back home were okay. And she knew their children needed ways to stay strong and resilient during a very stressful time.

By founding Our Military Kids and providing activities for these children, Linda helped alleviate some of the anxiety for military families during a deployment.

She also helped children find ways to grow, discover hidden talents, and empower themselves. Her gift and mission - to support military families during an overseas deployment or recovery from severe combat injuries, will continue, even though she has stepped down as the head of Our Military Kids.

"I will always see military children as our nation's children, and it has been an honor to recognize and support them for 14 years," Davidson said.

Executive Director Rob Clapper said Our Military Kids will continue to honor the mission set forth by Davidson.

"Linda created an incredible organization that recognizes military families in a meaningful way," Clapper said. "We will build on her legacy as we continue to serve military children whose parents are deployed overseas or recovering from severe injuries."

FOR MORE ON MS. DAVIDSON'S STORY AND CONTINUED MISSION, VISIT WWW.OURMILITARYKIDS.ORG.

Many of our families who received grants have reached out to express their gratitude.

"Her genuine concern for the children of military families is always appreciated. Ms. Davidson not only recognized a need, but she was able to put actions in place to address them. I can't tell you how grateful we are for the support of your organization. It allowed us to maintain some normalcy during a time when our family was missing their Dad. Athletics are a big part of our family, and by being able to join a club, my kids could be productive and focus on personal growth. During the deployment, Our Military Kids was one of the bright spots for my family."

The O'Grady Family

"We cannot thank [Linda Davidson] enough for your dedication to our country's military children. Our family has seen first-hand what a difference you and your organization make in our lives and in the lives of our military friends scattered around the world."

The Baker Family

2018 IMPACT, BY THE NUMBERS

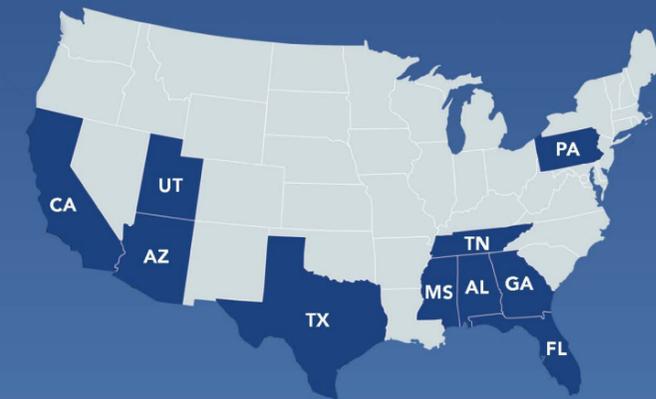
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GRANTS GIVEN

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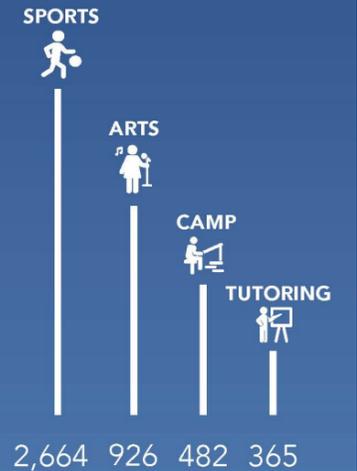
TOP 10

- CA 418
- TX 299
- FL 256
- MS 244
- GA 231
- UT 220
- PA 172
- AZ 166
- TN 148
- AL 146

GRANTS AWARDED



FIRST GRANTS | LOG ROLLING BULL RIDING



OCTOBER 18-20, 2019
DC British Reliability Run

Since 2017, team members driving for the DC British Reliability Run have raised more than \$83,000 for Our Military Kids. Fifty teams will be accepted to run this year's DCBRR, and each team will be asked to raise \$1,000 for Our Military Kids.

Registrations will be accepted starting June 1, 2019, on a first-come-first-served basis. Register online at dcbritishreliability.org!



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO DONATE, VISIT GIVE.CLASSY.ORG/DCBRR.

2018 INCREASE LEADS TO CHANGE IN GRANT AMOUNT

Based on an increased demand for grants in 2018, the maximum grant award is now capped at \$300 per child. The change, which was effective at the end of January, is expected to remain at \$300 for the remainder of 2019. Previous awards were capped at \$500. The reduced amount will enable Our Military Kids to continue our longstanding tradition of serving all eligible military children.

Executive Director Rob Clapper said the reduction comes during another expected increase for 2019. "The US military's continued reliance on Guard and Reserve families, combined with the popularity of our program, forced us to trim our grants so that we can offer assistance to all eligible children."