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FULLFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Charitable Service Trust

On Cover: Lt. Cmdr. Charles Harris, Gold crew operations officer for the littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS-1), embraces his daughter during a homecoming celebration at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego. The Gold crew has been relieved by the Blue crew midway through the ship's maiden deployment to the Asia-Pacific region. (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Daniel M. Young/Navy)



Charitable Service Trust

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Dear Caring Friend,

Thank you, first and foremost, for being a part of the DAV Charitable Service Trust and supporting our efforts to ensure victories for veterans. Our mission to give back to the men and women who have bravely served and sacrificed for our nation would not be possible without you.

With your help, we are able to assist our nation's heroes in regaining the confidence and quality of life they have earned. The Trust supports a wide range of special initiatives designed to promote mental, physical, emotional and socioeconomic well-being for veterans and their families.

Through these important programs, veterans are able to achieve their personal victories—great and small—whether overcoming homelessness, physical barriers, unemployment or the emotional injuries that often come with wartime service.

For 33 years, the Trust has supported efforts to fulfill the unmet needs of those who served by working with people and programs that share our commitment to ensuring no veteran is left behind.

As new generations return from war in need of our assistance, we stand poised and ready to help them make the most of life's opportunities.

As a veteran and amputee who lost my leg in service, I can't tell you how important families and communities are in helping veterans regain their sense of dignity, purpose and belonging after an injury. Your support of the Trust makes you a stakeholder in our work to renew lives.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us fulfill our promises to the men and women who served—as well as the heroes behind the scenes supporting them—and ensures the programs highlighted throughout this report are in place to facilitate victories for veterans.

Thank you,

RICHARD E. MARBES
President



“My victory was
overcoming the
scars of battle.”

—Bobby Barrera,
Vietnam veteran





The Mission of the DAV Charitable Service Trust

By supporting the DAV Charitable Service Trust, you help to fulfill a focused and noble purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

To carry out this responsibility, the DAV Charitable Service Trust supports physical and psychological rehabilitation programs, enhances research and mobility for veterans with amputations and spinal cord injuries, benefits aging veterans, aids and shelters homeless veterans, and addresses the needs of veterans returning from recent combat service.



Victories for Veterans

The Trust continues to seek effective ways to **improve the lives** of ill and injured veterans and their families.

Our nation's heroes leave nothing to chance when it comes to defending the country. And we, as concerned citizens, owe them nothing less than the best when they are changed as a result of their service.

By supporting the DAV Charitable Service Trust, you help veterans reconnect with new possibilities and address the most challenging hurdles that stand between them and their maximum potential as productive members of society.

The programs that benefit from the Trust address the wide range of physical and psychological barriers that impact a veteran's quality of life. The Trust identifies and assists initiatives that do things such as enhance research and mobility for veterans who've lost limbs or suffered spinal cord injuries, help our aging veterans enjoy a sense of dignity and peace, provide shelter to homeless veterans and give them a path toward a fulfilled life, and give caregivers and families of veterans the tools and resources they need to lead sustainable and enriched lives.

The Trust looks proactively at those wounded of all generations, with a particular focus on recent-war veterans. The goal: help succeeding generations confront the barriers of war's wounds so they can make the most of their lives following trauma in the military.

When America's Veterans Win, We All Win

The transition to civilian life is a major adjustment for those who served—especially for those who were changed as a result of their service. The support and stability service members become accustomed to vanishes the day they are discharged. When that day comes, the culture and structure they know are taken away, and the bonds of service—of counting on one's fellow soldiers—are made distant.

Veterans are resilient by nature, but even the hearts of war fighters can be challenged when the foundation they know is removed and cannot fully be replaced. This is especially true for recent veterans, many of whom have endured multiple combat deployments as our nation has waged war on two fronts.

The Trust looks for programs and services that ease this transition and reconnect veterans with opportunities to enhance their health and outlook on life—for them and their families.

Historically, funds have been awarded to support:

- Programs ensuring quality health care for veterans.
- Assistance to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, substance use disorders, and related or co-occurring conditions.
- Programs enhancing mobility for veterans with amputations, spinal cord injuries and other physical afflictions.
- Additional initiatives addressing the needs of veterans and caregivers or families from each era of conflict.

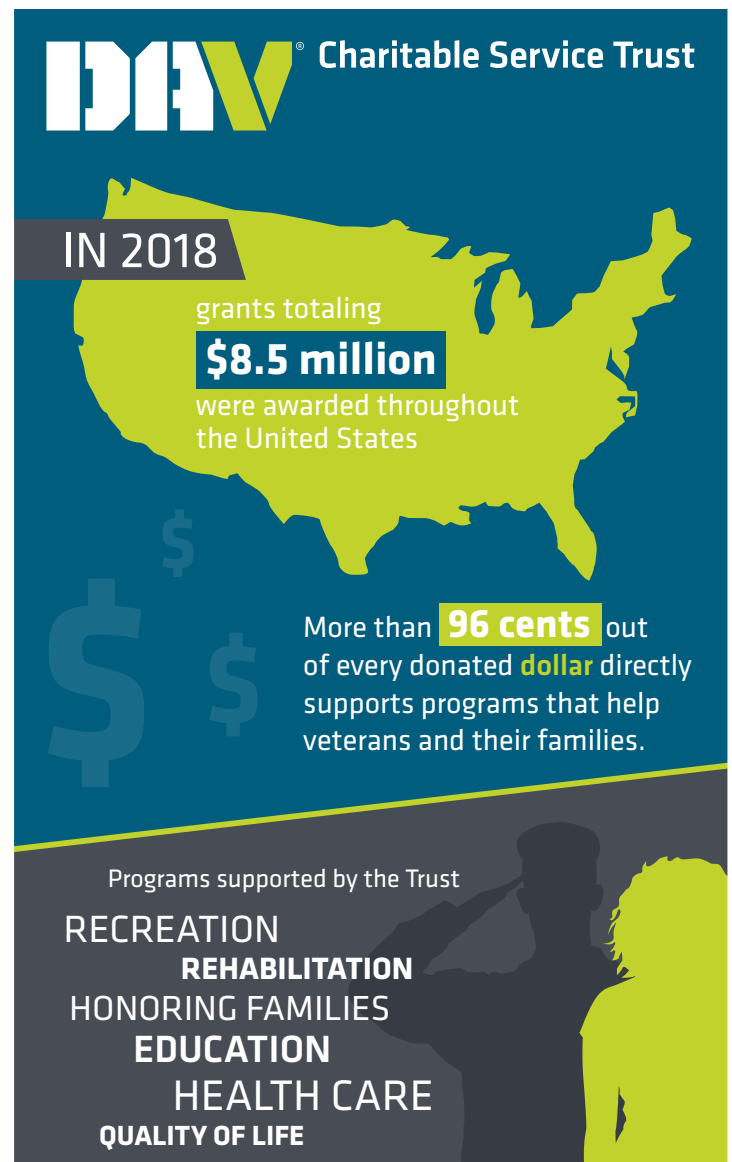
To date, funded programs and projects aid in providing a number of necessities to veteran clients and their families in each service region. Grants are typically distributed to offer:

- Food, shelter and other necessary items for homeless or at-risk veterans and their families.
- Mobility items or other assistance specific to veterans with blindness, vision loss, hearing loss or amputations.
- Qualified evidence-based therapeutic or recreational activities.
- Physical and psychological rehabilitation projects.
- Education, training and career readiness.
- Other forms of support, as appropriate, for short- or long-term relief.

The Trust carefully evaluates and addresses the most vital needs of ill and injured veterans and their families while empowering them to maximize their quality of life after combat. Throughout these pages, we highlight the past year's grant recipients who demonstrate the impact the Trust makes in the lives of the community it serves. We are grateful to those dedicated patriots who serve and volunteer to enact these important programs.

More than 96 cents out of every donated dollar directly supports programs that contribute to the victories the Trust makes possible. Notably, the Trust has also received the coveted 4-star rating for "sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency" from Charity Navigator for the 14th time since first being evaluated in 2002. As Charity Navigator is the nation's largest independent charity evaluator, this acknowledgment speaks volumes about the Trust's careful and efficient stewardship of donated funds.

In 2018, the Trust also received the Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar by Candid.





Supporting Team

Most of the victories veterans enjoy through the DAV Charitable Service Trust are made possible by generous individuals making personal donations or participating in workplace giving campaigns and matching gift programs. We have also enjoyed tremendous assistance from various companies who recognize and contribute to our cause. Specifically, the Trust extends appreciation to Ford Motor Co., Walt Disney Co., Fama Family Charitable Fund, John Stiger Ferry Charitable Foundation, Wild Flower Foundation Inc., Craigslist Charitable Fund, Gratis Foundation, William C. Collignon Family Foundation, Andrew and Dana Stone Family Foundation, Laurence McCullough Fund, Barbara W. Gozez Trust, Alice F. & Cortland J. Knipe Charitable Trust, Watchung Hills for Warriors, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Myer Family Charitable Foundation, Summit Materials, and many other corporations and foundations that supported the Trust so graciously in 2018.

“My victory was finding the help I needed to feel human again.”

—Jason Barbierre,
Marine Corps veteran



The Victories

Quality of Life

Veterans can sometimes face unforeseen consequences to the intangibles of life as a result of their service injuries. For some of our most profoundly injured veterans, a victory can be as simple as the restoration of life's most basic needs. Fortunately, the Trust has dedicated itself to helping other organizations that provide services to improve the quality of life for veterans.

- The Trust granted funds to Soldiers' Angels to support its Hunger Relief Program, providing veteran mobile food distribution in Denver; Detroit; Atlanta; San Antonio; and Charleston, S.C.
- In Ohio, funds from the Trust helped LifeCare Alliance support its Help-at-Home program in providing housekeeping and personal care services to low-income, elderly and disabled veterans.
- Funds from the Trust helped New Mexico-based Share Your Care Adult Day Services Inc. support its Disabled Veteran Alivio Support Program in providing ill, injured and aging veterans with adult day services while also providing respite to veteran caregivers.
- The Trust granted funds to the Cincinnati-based Center for Respite Care Inc. to provide homeless veterans in Ohio and Kentucky with housing, medical care and case management services to assist them in obtaining independence.
- Funds from the Trust helped the Southern Maine Agency on Aging provide peer support for older and disabled veterans participating in their Vet-to-Vet program.



Funds from the Trust supported Soldiers' Angels and its Hunger Relief Program. The program provided veteran mobile food distributions like this one across the country.

“My victory is having my new battle buddy.”

—Christy Gardner,
Army veteran



Adaptive Sports & Outdoors Therapy

Maintaining physical health and preserving an active outdoor lifestyle becomes more difficult when an injury drastically changes one’s physical abilities. Overcoming new challenges and having the opportunity to reconnect with the champion within is a critically important step toward recovery.

- Funds from the Trust helped Wasatch Adaptive Sports Inc. in Utah provide year-round recreational sporting activities to ill and injured veterans.
- The Trust provided funds to support California-based Adaptive Adventures’ Military Operations program in providing a variety of physical activities nationwide for ill and injured veterans, their family members and caregivers.



Trust President Richard E. Marbes (fourth from left) presents a check to the president and fellows of Harvard College to support the school's Veterans Legal Clinic, which provides ill and injured veterans with top-notch legal assistance.

Employment & Legal Assistance

For veterans, employment is a major component as they work to return to normalcy after an unexpected injury. The Trust proudly supports numerous organizations dedicated to helping veterans secure employment and provide legal assistance when necessary.

- The Trust provided funds to the California-based Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund to support its nationwide Apprenticeship Program in providing veterans with skill sets, licensures, equipment and certifications needed for employment.
- Funds from the Trust helped Josephine Herrick Project Inc. support free photography rehabilitation and employment programming for ill and injured veterans in New York.
- In Massachusetts, funds from the Trust helped the President and Fellows of Harvard College provide ill and injured veterans with top-notch legal assistance through the students and staff of the school's Veterans Legal Clinic.



The Trust granted funds to Island Dolphin Care Inc. in Florida to allow ill and injured veterans to receive therapeutic and educational dolphin-assisted services.



Funds from the Trust helped Dottie, an Air Force veteran, get training for her service dog, Annie.

Animal-Assisted Therapy

Service dogs have long been heralded as great assets for ill and injured veterans, but now other animals are also demonstrating the capacity to assist in the recovery of those with both physical and psychological barriers.

- The Trust granted funds to American Humane, based in Washington, D.C., to support its Pups4Patriots program in providing the training for one veteran and dog team.
- In Florida, funds from the Trust helped Island Dolphin Care Inc. provide scholarships allowing ill and injured veterans to attend programs where they received therapeutic and educational dolphin-assisted services.
- Funds from the Trust helped Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program provide therapeutic equine riding for active-duty military personnel and veterans who are recovering from mental health and substance use disorders.



Financial Assistance

Serious injuries can sometimes result in unforeseen financial hardships for veterans and their families. Fortunately, the Trust supports numerous organizations dedicated to ensuring our heroes do not fall behind and can continue providing for their loved ones.

- The Trust granted funds to Kentucky-based USA Cares Inc. to support its Combat Injured Program in providing financial assistance to ill and injured veterans nationwide in need of health care and assistance in paying bills while in treatment.
- In Virginia, funds from the Trust helped Our Military Kids Inc. provide scholarships nationwide to children of ill and injured service members for participation in extracurricular activities.
- Funds from the Trust helped Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation provide emergency financial assistance and counseling to ill and injured veterans and their families nationwide.

A Triumph for the Bold

The DAV Charitable Service Trust is proud of its legacy of service to empower veterans. The programs outlined in these pages illustrate the life-changing assistance provided to those who served, allowing veterans of all generations to find their victories.

Thanks to the loyal supporters who generously donate to the Trust each year, veterans are able to access the resources and services they need to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.



Trust grant recipient American Humane helped Jose, an Army veteran, receive training for his service dog, Starr.

Support & Revenue

Contributions — Without Donor Restrictions	\$	6,827,054
Contributions — With Donor Restrictions		805,144
Contributions of Charitable Gift Annuities		233,109
Bequests		3,933,894
Interest & Dividend Income — Net		799,102
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investment Securities		(180,280)
Total Support & Revenue	\$	12,418,023

Expenses

Program Services	\$	8,606,400	(96%)
Management & General		264,179	(3%)
Fundraising		116,732	(1%)
Total Expenses	\$	8,987,311	

Percentage of Total Expenses



Appreciation (Depreciation) of Investments	\$	(2,057,645)
Charitable Gift Annuity Valuation Adjustment		(216,360)
Change in Net Assets	\$	1,156,707
Net Assets — Beginning of Year	\$	27,323,112
Net Assets — End of Year	\$	28,479,819

The complete financial statements have been audited and received an unqualified opinion. A copy of the audited statement is available upon request.



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