

Letter from the Executive Director

Our mission is to honor and support our littlest warriors as they bravely face the challenges of living their lives with a military parent serving in a warzone or recovering from a severe injury. With the help of so many caring and generous friends across the country, both in government and in the private sector, Our Military Kids has provided support to lighten their burden and even allow children to shine.

A recent survey of families using the Our Military Kids' program confirms that your support has helped this grant program make an incredible positive impact on children and families. The survey results come as an American Psychological Association study finds "more psychologists are needed to help service members, veterans and their families who are coping with the stresses of deployment." While mental health services are necessary for some, Our Military Kids believes involvement in activities is a proactive, efficient, and cost-effective method of reducing deployment stress for children while allowing them to focus their energy on a positive experience.

While 80% of the survey respondents noticed an increase in the stress or anxiety level of their child/children during the most recent deployment, 98.4% found participation in the extracurricular activity was a benefit to the child. Additionally, 98% believed this program contributed to improved morale for the deployed Service Member and 82% reported participation in the grant program contributed to the overall well-being of the their military family.

Philanthropic support continues to be vital as we strive to meet the needs of the children and try to overcome the federal cutbacks that jeopardize this important program. There has never been a more crucial moment for a philanthropic investment in the lives of our military children. Please visit our website (www.ourmilitarykids.org) to review the complete survey report and see the impact of your generous gift in helping our littlest warriors experience the joys of childhood.

-Linda Davidson

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