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Opera Event Recognizes Wounded Warriors and their Families
Finmeccanica Presents Check to Support 'Our Military Kids'

McLEAN, Va. – November 23, 2011 – The nonprofit organization Our Military Kids received a generous donation of \$50,000 from Finmeccanica, an Italian aerospace and defense company, following a concert at the Italian Embassy in Washington, DC to honor Wounded Warriors.

More than 100 Wounded Warriors, family members, staff, and caregivers from Walter Reed National Medical Center, Fort Meade, and Fort Belvoir attended the performance.

"This concert was a great way to honor our service members and their families, all of whom make tremendous sacrifices for our country," said Linda Davidson, Executive Director of Our Military Kids. "While so much of a family's time must be put into the care of these brave men and women, the children should also be recognized for their role. Our Military Kids is grateful to work with companies like Finmeccanica that understand the importance of nurturing our littlest warriors."

The performance, titled "Opera's Most Enchanting Moments," included selections from famous opera pieces in *Carmen*, *La Bohème*, *Turandot*, and *The Magic Flute*.

The evening also included a check presentation to Our Military Kids, along with The Aleethia Foundation and the Wounded Warrior Project.

"Finmeccanica is honored to support these three organizations that work tirelessly everyday to help our injured warriors and their families," said Simone Bemporad, Finmeccanica North America's Chief Executive Officer. "We are proud of their ongoing commitment and dedication to assisting and raising awareness of these individuals' tremendous courage and sacrifice."

The money awarded to Our Military Kids will provide grants to approximately 125 children, covering the costs of participation in sports, fine arts, and tutoring programs.

About Our Military Kids

Our Military Kids was founded in 2004 to support children ages three to 18 of National Guard and Reserve families that often become financially stretched during a deployment. The organization provides \$500 grants for activities such as sports, fine arts, and tutoring programs that nurture and sustain children while a parent is serving our country overseas. Additionally, the program is available to children of Wounded Warriors in all branches of the military. Our Military Kids is funded by corporations, private donors, and government grants. For more information, please visit www.ourmilitarykids.org.

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