



Charitable Recipient Testimonials

"From the bottom of our hearts, Gander, George and I thank you and Troop Dreams for your incredible act of kindness to help support our Planned Acts of Community Kindness (PACKS). Raising money to purchase a new used van and trailer to replace our old worn-down van with 180,000+ miles is just amazing. Your generosity will allow us to continue our life mission of traveling the USA to visit schools and VA hospitals to educate them about the realities of PTSD and the continuing battles we Veterans and our families face everyday. Just amazing!

Mr. Lon Hodge, Executive Director, PACKS/Operation Fetch, U.S. Army

"Thank you, thank you, thank you! The last few weeks have been the best years of my life! I won 1st place in the rhythm and blues singing competition at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (Yeah!) and I couldn't do it without your help getting me a new laptop computer. I was so stressed that my computer crashed and didn't know what to do since all my instrumentals and background music was on it. The new computer was a lifesaver! Even better, it was so amazing to sing God Bless America and You Raise Me Up at Lakes HS and then feel so much love from the players, cheerleaders and students. I haven't stopped crying thinking about how all these people helped me with my dream of performing my music and I really look forward to performing at their variety show. God Bless!

-Ms. Angela Walker, United States Navy

"I just can't find the appropriate words to express my true feelings and appreciation for what Troop Dreams and these young players have done for me. I'm probably 75 years older than these players and to know that they care enough about me to do what they've done...to make this dream come true for me, I just don't know what I can ever do to thank them. I'm just so blessed!"

Norval Nelson, UDT, Force O

"What you and Westminster Christian School did for our father was truly a dream come true. He never really spoke about his WWII service until recently when his doctor only gave him a few more months. We found out what a true hero he really was when you granted his wish to return to the Navy Seal Museum with his best buddy, Mike. He always kept his emotions to himself, but he couldn't help it when 300 flag-waving students gave him a hero's welcome and the mayor of Fort Pierce Florida gave him a key to the city and the museum director detailed his incredible heroics on D-Day. And the fact that Comcast Sports shared his story and honored him on TV was just the icing on the cake. Thank you for granting our father such a special wish!

The family of Norval Nelson

"While Michelle lost her fight, our family is so appreciative to Geneva High School and The Charity Stripe for allowing me and my boys to spend the last several weeks with her. The M.D. Anderson staff was wonderful and the experimental drug gave us all a ray of hope. While Michelle is now in a better place and no longer in pain, we're thankful that you provided the means for all of us to be with her and enjoy quality family time together. Please thank everyone who helped make this wish possible

George Posejpal

"Just thought you'd like to know that every one of the 18 veterans' helped by your Charity Stripe organization are now back on their feet and fully employed. It's amazing that relief from foreclosure, back rent and shut-off notices are a huge emotional boost to these vets and their families. These are all hard-working vets who sometimes just need a break or two to go their way...Troop Dreams and all your participants are the break they desperately need!" Keep up the fantastic work!

Mick Mills, Illinois Dept. of Employment Security

"Our heartfelt thanks The Charity Stripe. The donation of 4 large 32" flat screen televisions were a true blessing. While thankfully no one was hurt, the July fire was devastating to the patient viewing area which is such a popular gathering spot for our recovering vets. It was a terribly sad loss for them. But, your televisions will be placed in our rebuilt patient viewing areas and many, many veterans will once again benefit from your thoughtfulness and generosity. Please relay our thanks to all involved in Troop Dreams for thinking about these veterans in this very special way"

Jan Filicky, Danville VA Community Affairs

You're like an angel from heaven. It hurt me when I lost my gym membership at XSport Fitness, but I could not afford to pay the monthly dues because of my past due utility bills. I was so shocked and relieved when you got my membership back for a whole year with a free trainer to boot. They gave me a "Welcome Back Thomas" welcoming event and it made me cry. Thank you so much for giving me my life back and believing in me.

Thomas Wilson, Captain, U.S. Army
(proud paraplegic Veteran with no limits)

Thank you for donating the 6 basketball hoops and equipment and especially all the contributions you have made to the 33rd. We're proud to provide you with the Golden Cross to recognize your invaluable support.

Colonel Paul Hastings, IL ILARNG
33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team