

2020 NEWMAN'S OWN[®] Awards Virtual Ceremony

Honoring 2019 and 2020 grant recipients
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Recognizing innovative, non-profit programs for their excellence, commitment, and contributions to the military community



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FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION, MILITARY TIMES, AND NEWMAN'S OWN
JOIN TOGETHER IN PRESENTING \$400,000 IN GRANTS FOR NONPROFITS THAT
IMPROVE THE LIVES OF SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Welcome & Introduction

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REMARKS

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Managing Director, Newman's Own Foundation

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Chairman and CEO, Fisher House Foundation, Inc.

SPECIAL REMARKS

General Mark A. Milley

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Suzie Schwartz

Trustee, Fisher House Foundation, Inc.

WINNER PRESENTATIONS



In 1982, Paul Newman founded a company with a revolutionary social goal: to give away 100% of after-tax profits from the sale of its products to charitable organizations. This simple plan was groundbreaking and original, with success uncertain. The company that grew out of this venture is Newman's Own, Inc., and more than \$550 million has been donated to thousands of charities, helping millions of people.

In 1999 Newman's Own, Inc. partnered with Fisher House Foundation and Military Times to announce the Newman's Own Awards program, recognizing community organizations that break the mold, creating innovative ways to improve quality of life for service members, veterans, and their families. Supporting veterans was important to Paul Newman since he was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

The eleven organizations honored today each presented a passionate and unique plan to support our nation's heroes by enhancing the communities where they live and serve.

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THANK YOU TO THE 2019 JUDGES:

Mrs. Ellyn Dunford

Spouse of Gen. Joseph Dunford, USMC, the Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mrs. Tammy Fisher

Trustee, Fisher House Foundation

Mrs. Lynne Pace

Trustee, Fisher House Foundation

Mrs. Suzie Schwartz

Trustee, Fisher House Foundation

Mr. Jeffrey Smith

Vice President of Operations, Newman's Own Inc.

THANK YOU TO THE 2020 JUDGES:

Mrs. Laura Hyten

Spouse of Gen. John Hyten, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mrs. Maria McConville

Spouse of Gen. James McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army

Mrs. Tammy Fisher

Trustee, Fisher House Foundation

Mrs. Lynne Pace

Trustee, Fisher House Foundation

Mrs. Suzie Schwartz

Trustee, Fisher House Foundation

Ms. Kelly Giordano

Managing Director, Newman's Own Foundation

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.



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**Fisher House Foundation, Military Times, and Newman's Own
are proud to recognize the following nonprofit programs:**

**2019 WINNERS:
\$50,000 AWARD GRANT**



Quality of Life Plus (QL+)

Quality of Life Plus Program, McLean, VA

The Quality of Life Plus Program provides America's injured patriots with individualized, functional, and affordable assistive technologies to increase their mobility beyond what is provided by the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. They do this by supporting engineering students at 18 universities, helping them develop solutions that give veterans with disabilities greater mobility and independence.

These quality of life improvements are provided at no cost to the veteran.

QL+ recruits veterans, identifies challenges that can be addressed by students as a senior design project, and together with faculty advisors, monitors the projects to completion.

www.qlplus.org

2019 WINNERS: \$37,500 Award Grant

Hope For The Warriors

Drive for Hope, Springfield, VA

In collaboration with the Driver Rehabilitation Center of Excellence, the Drive for Hope program supports comprehensive driving rehabilitation services designed to help service members and veterans regain the independence that was lost as a result of injury or illness. From working with medical providers to behind-the-wheel training in adaptive vehicles, Drive for Hope will be there every step of the way. It is the only nonprofit in the nation to offer and fund a comprehensive driver rehabilitation program. All services will be offered at no cost to the participants. A significant gap in services exist within the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs related to driver's rehabilitation and access to related services. The magic of this program is that all aspects – rehabilitation and vehicle modification - exist in one location.



www.hopeforthewarriors.org

Stack Up

Stack Up Overwatch Program (StOP), Sylmar, CA

The Stack Up Overwatch Program (StOP) is an innovative suicide prevention and crisis intervention initiative that uses online gaming to connect veterans with trained, certified StOP members via Stack Up's Discord channel—a popular tool that allows online gamers to communicate in real time. StOP members provide immediate mental health intervention and assistance, with the goal to de-escalate the crisis and provide referrals to resources within the veteran's local community. While previous generations of veterans found support and camaraderie by gathering in person, post-9/11 veterans have developed online communities that include online gaming as a source of community and trauma relief. Discord is a powerful digital tool for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. StOP is at the forefront of the mental health wellness trend, providing support and referrals to veterans who need it, when they need it, even if it's just someone to talk to or game with.



www.stackup.org



The Rosie Network

Service2CEO, Ramona, CA

The Service2CEO initiative is a 12-month individualized entrepreneurship and financial literacy training program for military spouses, veterans, and transitioning service members housed in a shared office environment in the Military Entrepreneur Development Center (MEDC) in San Diego and Rosie Chapters across the US. Participants choose one of two tracks - launch or grow, with the opportunity to choose an accelerator track based on their business model and position for growth. Many military entrepreneurial programs focus on specialty areas such as high tech or are only for eligible veterans. The Rosie Network was the first to offer entrepreneurial programs specifically geared towards military spouses and continue to have more than 60% spouses as Service2CEO members. What sets it apart is its inclusivity of clients -- all branches of service, all sizes/industries of business, any military spouse, veterans or transitioning service member looking to launch or grow a business.



www.therosienetwork.org

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Military Family Wellness Center (MFWC), New York, NY

Military caregivers and spouses are more likely than civilians to experience mental health problems such as depression. The MFWC provides mental health assessment and treatment to those who do not qualify for, do not benefit from, or feel reluctant to use traditional providers. Roughly 25% of the Center's patients are adult family members of veterans including spouses, adult children, and others.

The MFWC is distinguished for its ease of access, cost-free services, minimal bureaucracy, confidentiality, and wide range of high-quality treatment options. Another unique attribute, they offer tele-mental health services, making mental health care accessible to patients who are unable to come to in-person appointments.

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GI Go Fund

Veterans Center for Job Training and Entrepreneurship, Newark, NJ

GI Go Fund was founded in 2006 to assist service members, reservists and guardsmen, veterans, their family members, and veteran caretakers with finding employment, connecting to their benefits, making smart decisions about higher education, and accessing housing. One of the organization's strongest programs is their Veterans Center for Job Training and Entrepreneurship in Newark, New Jersey, which offers a job training center and incubator space to hundreds of veterans in the New York and New Jersey region. The center's training is available both in-person and online in several major business skills ranging from business writing to cloud computing. The center also offers a veteran incubator where veterans can run their businesses and receive services such as legal aid, website development, marketing materials, conference room space, and business cards.

www.gigo.org



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2020 WINNERS: \$30,000 Award Grant

Warrior Wellness Solutions

Warrior Wellness Solutions Program, Durham, NC

Warrior Wellness Solutions is a Durham, North Carolina-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2009 that provides personalized Functional Medicine Health Coaching, Rehabilitative and Adaptive Exercise, Mindfulness and Mindset Training, and wellness education to wounded, ill and injured warriors, their families, and caregivers. Warrior Wellness Solutions delivers sustainable wellness and lifestyle solutions that contribute to redefining a life of purpose and creates a ripple effect impacting relationships with family, friends, and the community at large.



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www.warriorwellnesssolutions.org

Veterans Community Project

VCP National Expansion, Kansas City, MO

Veterans Community Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by a group of combat veterans in Kansas City, Missouri who resolved to stand in the gaps of a broken system that left too many of their brothers and sisters behind. By providing critical support services paired with an innovative transitional housing model, VCP has served thousands of at-risk and homeless veterans since 2016. Using the VCP Village and Outreach Center in Kansas City as a blueprint, VCP is now expanding its programs to 8 cities by 2022. VCP's long-term goal: ending veteran homelessness nationwide.

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www.veteranscommunityproject.org

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Second Chance Cars, Inc.

Second Chance Cars, Inc. Program, Concord, MA

Second Chance Cars is an innovative nonprofit with a mission to mobilize low-income Massachusetts veterans through affordable car ownership, so they may access living-wage jobs and improve their quality of life. SCC created a unique coalition consisting of car donors, vocational schools who affordably refurbish cars, social service agencies who select candidates for them, a credit counseling agency who screens candidates, and a bank that provides SCC car buyers with a zero-percent, \$900, credit-building car loan. While SCC cars cost \$900, they are worth, on average, \$3000 and provide their recipients with the means to earn, on average, \$23,000 of additional annual income, decrease their commute time, improve their credit scores, and increase their ability to access healthcare and grocery stores. No other organization is providing refurbished, affordable, and reliable cars to Massachusetts' 23,000 low-income veterans, and no other like-organization in the country is utilizing affordable vocational school labor to do so.



Affordable cars for working people: Let's get to work!

www.secondchancecars.org

Military Spouse Advocacy Network

New Military Spouse Support Program, San Antonio, TX

The New Military Spouse Support Program has provided thousands of new military spouses the opportunity to receive peer-to-peer mentorship from the time they become new military spouses through the time they PCS for the first time. All military spouses that transition from the program feel equipped to handle anything that military life throws their way and will forever have a safe community to reach out for additional help if they need it. This program is a resource available inside the Air Force's Basic Military Training which provides peer-to-peer mentorship support to all new military spouses including National Guard & Reserve components.



www.militaryspouseadvocacynetwork.org



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Invictus Games Foundation

'We Are Invictus' Ambassador Programme, London, UK

The 'We Are Invictus' Ambassador programme will give wounded warriors an opportunity to inspire, motivate, and support their fellow injured servicemen and women through the Invictus Games Foundation's social network – We Are Invictus. The programme will give wounded warriors the tools, assets, and support to be “masters” of their own fate and the opportunity to continue to serve in an ambassadorial role within the international Invictus community. Ambassadors will be helping to share the Invictus spirit and engage wounded, injured, and sick military personnel and their families in sports recovery activities around the world.

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www.invictusgamesfoundation.org
