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Woody Williams Foundation October Outreach Newsletter

Welcome to October!

Save the Date

With a multitude to select from, plan to join us for one or more Gold Star Families, Outreach or partner events in your area.

View our Event Calendar

Autumn greetings from the Outreach Team at the Woody Williams Foundation! We hope that the transition from the warm summer sunshine to the newly falling leaves has been a smooth one. Each month here at the Foundation brings something meaningful to our team through our connections with all of you. September was certainly no different as we had the chance to hear your stories and make great memories at several events. Here's a quick recap of the opportunities we had in September to honor, recognize and serve:

Global War on Terror Rededication: Our friends at the National Infantry Museum hosted us at Fort Moore to connect with other GWOT survivors in remembrance of those who gave all in 2023. A new monument for Gold Star Families was also dedicated that weekend. It was an honor to hear stories of loss and hope at the family dinner.

RJ Valor Golf Tournament: We are incredibly grateful for the support we continue to receive from the Valor Network! This year's annual Golf Tournament raised over $262,000 that will benefit nonprofits like ours. Thank you, Raymond James, for your commitment to serve families with us!

9/11 Day of Service: On this day of remembrance, David Paine and our friends at Tuesday's Children stood with us in New York City as we recognized all families affected by the terrible tragedies on 9/11. It was a meaningful day of reflection as well as a recommitment to our collective service to this community of survivors.

Operation HRS: We had so much fun together in Raleigh, NC as we honored your heroes at the Horse Show! Thanks to everyone who shared this time with us. We especially enjoyed watching the kiddos get excited about petting the horses down at the stable between shows! Horses can be so healing.

Sailing Angels Excursion: Our very first sailing excursion on the Galveston Bay with Sailing Angels and other community supporters was a huge success! We love meeting new families and hearing about their loved ones. There was a lot of connection that took place in Texas that day and we're excited to do more with you all in the future.

The next several weeks of Autumn bring even more opportunities to connect and engage! Please see below for specific information on how you can participate in meaningful, healing and fun activities near you.

October 1

Register for Carry the Load's
100,000 Meter Challenge in Honor of Veterans Day.

Who will you carry this year?

October 3-13

Tennessee, Georgia, Florida
TAPS Togethers Concert with Cultural Forces

Register for event.
For any questions, please contact TAPS.

October 4-6

San Antonio TX
TAPS Southern Regional Military Survivor Seminar Good Grief Camp

Please register here.

October 5

Galveston Bay TX
Salute to Heroes Boat Parade

Learn more on their website.

Oct. 10, 17, 24

Nationwide
Tuesday's Children College Readiness Series

October 10-13

Colorado
Surviving Spouses Fall "Encounter & Connect" Retreat at the Sky Ranch Ute Train

Please email Laura Mazzu for registration link.

October 18

North Carolina
Registration CLOSES for Combat Warriors/Woody Williams Foundation Hunting Expedition

Please email Amy Dozier for more information.

November 1

Nationwide
Gold Star Mission Scholarship Registration is OPEN

More information.

November 7-10

Salt Lake City UT
Hope Rising Wellness Retreat

In collaboration with Embrace the Darkness, this retreat is designed to help women transform their grief into power. Fee included.

Please call Zaneta to register: 385-247-8630.

SUPPORTERS: Want to collaborate with us? #Together we can do so much more! Please email our Director of Outreach with ideas.

FAMILIES: We are sincerely thankful for so many that continue to stand with us in service. It is our passion to honor your family's journey in ways that work for YOU! Please let us know how we're doing! Share your stories, give us feedback and tell us how we can better meet you where you are! Looking forward to see you all again soon.

"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." -Hellen Keller

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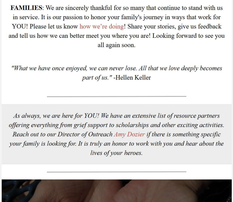
As always, we are here for YOU! We have an extensive list of resource partners offering everything from grief support to scholarships and other exciting activities. Reach out to our Director of Outreach Amy Dozier if there is something specific your family is looking for. It is truly an honor to work with you and hear about the lives of your heroes.



Our mission statement

To honor, recognize, and serve Gold Star Families and the legacy of their Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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