

# Utah Guard Charitable Trust



2012 Annual Report





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# Board of Directors



Cover photo: Utah National Guardsman Staff Sgt. Kyle Creer, 19th Special Forces Group combat medic, secures the helicopter landing indicator during an active shooter scenario conducted by the 640th Regiment Training Institute, involving Guardmembers and first responders from both Saratoga Springs and Bluffdale that helped clear the building, treat casualties, and conduct medical evacuation at Camp Williams, Utah, Dec. 12, 2012.



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March 4, 2013

Dear Friends of the Trust:

I joined the Utah National Guard as a senior in high school. Even though I was young, I felt a satisfaction in the purpose and mission of a Citizen Soldier. I was moved by the idea of being of service to both my country and community. At that time we focused almost all of our efforts on community projects. I felt a deep sense of satisfaction in serving our neighbors, cities and state. Serving others is a common theme for the Utah National Guard.

I am so fortunate that even after retirement from the military, I can still serve. Most importantly, I can serve fellow Servicemembers in their time of need. I consider it an honor to participate in the Utah Guard Charitable Trust.

As we transitioned the Trust leadership to a civilian-led organization, we discovered we could standardize the review procedure and shorten the administrative time to process requests. We can better support companies and donors by using the services those companies provide to our communities. We completed the first independent audit of the Trust's practices and bank accounts. All of these actions are guided by a central idea, "Make sure we can provide the right type of assistance as quickly as possible."

We are equally committed to all programs the Trust oversees. These include Family Assistance, Youth Programs, Veterans Day Concert, and Sunrise Hall Worship Center at Camp Williams.

We have great news about the Sunrise Hall Worship Center. We have secured sufficient funds to complete the construction of the building. Very soon the architectural plans will be finalized and we will break ground this spring. Please read the description of this project included in this report. We are still soliciting operations and sustainment funds for Sunrise Hall and the memorial garden dedicated to our fallen Servicemembers.

This report is designed to provide a substantive view of donations, programs, and future of the Utah Guard Charitable Trust. We think the future is very bright, and we invite all to participate in taking care of our Servicemembers when they need us the most. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scot T. Olson".

Scot T. Olson  
President



Scott Parson, president Staker Parson Companies; Staker Parson employees; and members of the Utah National Guard stand before a Staker Parson mixer in front of Energy Solutions Arena. The Staker Parson mixer is wrapped with the logos of the Utah National Guard and Utah Guard Charitable Trust. This is the first of four mixers wrapped with the logos that will be operating in the Salt Lake Valley and northern Utah as a tribute to the men and women who protect our country and help keep us free.



South Hills Middle School students completed "Stockings for Soldiers," where more than 500 Christmas stockings were sent to Soldiers deployed in the Middle East. The students also raised more than \$9,000 for the Utah Guard Charitable Trust. Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet (right) and Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers attended a school assembly to thank the students for their support of the Utah Guard.



Jerry Kiehn (left) and Paul Hitzelberger (right), Del Taco, support the Utah Guard Charitable Trust by presenting a check to Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet at Camp Williams July 10, 2012. The donation supports the Utah National Guard Youth Programs by sending select military youth on a cultural exchange with Moroccan military families to the Kingdom of Morocco.



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, Utah National Guard adjutant general; retired Col. Scot Olson, Charitable Trust president; Richard Smith, Utah Jazz director of basketball operations; and Paul Raymond, Charitable Trust executive director receive a donation check for \$5,520 that Jazz players generated for the Utah Guard Charitable Trust. During April, every time a Jazz player logs an assist, \$20 was donated to the Charitable Trust.

## Contributors

 <p><b>Five Star</b> \$10,000 and above</p>	<p>Goldman Sachs Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah L-3 Communications-Communications Systems West Larry H. Miller Group of Companies Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction</p>	<p>Rio Tinto/Kennecott Utah Copper South Hills Middle School Staker Parson Companies Utah Del Taco Zions Bank Corporation</p>
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 <p><b>Four Star</b> \$5,000-\$9,999</p>	<p>Admiral Beverage Corporation Friends of the Utah Jazz TriWest Healthcare Alliance</p>	<p>Universal Industrial Sales, Inc. Utah Pacific Bridge and Steel</p>
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 <p><b>Three Star</b> \$2,000-\$4,999</p>	<p>A-Core Concrete Cutting Specialists Comcast Cable Dale Barton Agency Fresh Market Gerber Construction, Inc.</p>	<p>Gomaco Kirtan and McConkie Merit Medical Systems, Inc. Col. Rickie and Sheri West</p>
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 <p><b>Two Star</b> \$1,000-\$1,999</p>	<p>Big-D Construction Corp. Boeing Company Broadview University IM Flash Technologies John and Evelyn Edwards Johnson Investment Advisory Services</p>	<p>Joseph Spencer Michael Baker Corp. Mollie Bolds Questar Corporation Security Service Federal Credit Union Universal American Mortgage Co. University of Phoenix</p>
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 <p><b>One Star</b> \$500-\$999</p>	<p>65th Fires Brigade 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment 151st Maintenance Squadron 151st Medical Group Afflicted War Heroes American Legion Post 71 American Legion Post 90 Barry Trucking, Inc. Bonneville Machine Con Wadsworth CONAGGBIT, Inc. Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Utah FMS #3/#3A Utah Army National Guard For-Shor Company In Memory of Earl Greer</p>	<p>Larry and Susan Lunt Lochner Melanie Breur Michael and Colleen Pluim Milada Copeland and William French Noorda Architectural Metals, Inc. Real Salt Lake Remember My Service Productions Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Strata Fitness Susan and Kenneth Peterson TCR Composites, Inc. Ty &amp; Leslie Wadsworth USAA University of Utah Tailgate Group Wheeler Machinery Company</p>
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Donations to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust can be made online at:  
**[www.utngtrust.org](http://www.utngtrust.org)**



In 2012, the Utah Guard Charitable Trust had what is considered a typical year helping military families. Direct financial assistance from the Trust for assistance with housing, utilities, food, or vehicle related emergencies was extended to 65 different families and more than 100 families received assistance through the Sub-for-Santa program.

While 2012 may not have had the big story of help as it has in years past, the support provided to the 65 families is seen as nothing short of miraculous to those families.

Active-Duty programs have big safety nets and provide resources and assistance to active-duty Soldiers and their families. In most cases, this level of support is not provided to members of the National Guard or other Reserve components of the U.S. Military. The Utah Guard Charitable Trust helps provide this much-needed safety net to these military branches.

The Utah Guard Charitable Trust works directly with the Utah National Guard Servicemember and Family Support to help identify and support the needs of the

Soldiers and/or Airmen and their families. The Family Support personnel are the eyes and ears that identify and validate needs which are then passed on to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust for support.

In this, the eighth year of operation, the Utah Guard Charitable Trust still has a valid mission and will continue to provide professional and charitable support to members of the Utah National Guard as well as other Reserve components upon request.

When Guardmembers are injured while on deployment, they are evacuated out of a combat zone and flown to a military hospital in the States. In many cases their military income is less than their civilian pay, which adds additional hardship for a spouse or parent to fly to the bedside of their wounded Soldier or Airman.

With a recommendation from a chaplain or commander, a family member of the injured Service member can apply for assistance. The Charitable Trust board can act quickly during an emergency, helping to secure transportation and travel costs for a family member to arrive at the bedside.



## Distribution of Funds





The Charitable Trust has helped Servicemembers with a variety of needs.

- A spouse was able to travel to her Soldier in the hospital after he was injured in combat. There is no program to help a spouse or parent for travel costs and not all families have the funds to pay for unexpected travel.

- A spouse was able to travel with Servicemember to medical review board when he had cerebral difficulty due to Traumatic Brain Injury and PTSD.

- Multiple loans made to cover Soldiers during the interim period between being stopped from working because of medical injuries and receiving incapacitation pay and back pay.

- Multiple cases of assistance from pay problems due to military system failures or errors—Servicemember were able to keep their home for their family. Loans help Servicemember's pay bills and expenses until the error is fixed.

- Preparation for deployment requires extra hours, focus and travel. Sometimes it can cause unexpected costs and loss of income.

- Helping families who adjust to decreased income while deployed.

- Civilian employment difficulties that occur upon return from deployment.

- Soldier's unit is put on alert to deploy so they make significant adjustments with their family and living arrangements to accommodate the change. When a deployment is cancelled it disrupts many aspects to Soldier's lives. The Trust can give loans to help transition through these adjustment.

- Income problems associated with loss of job due to military service.

Donations made to the Charitable Trust have helped Servicemembers and their families keep a roof over their head, reduce stress, given comfort, help Soldiers get back on their feet and give relief when there seemed to be no hope. The help was able to come in their greatest moment of need.

Since its inception, the Charitable Trust has given aid to more than 1,200 military families; fulfilling a critical role in easing the financial strains of those who sacrifice for our country.

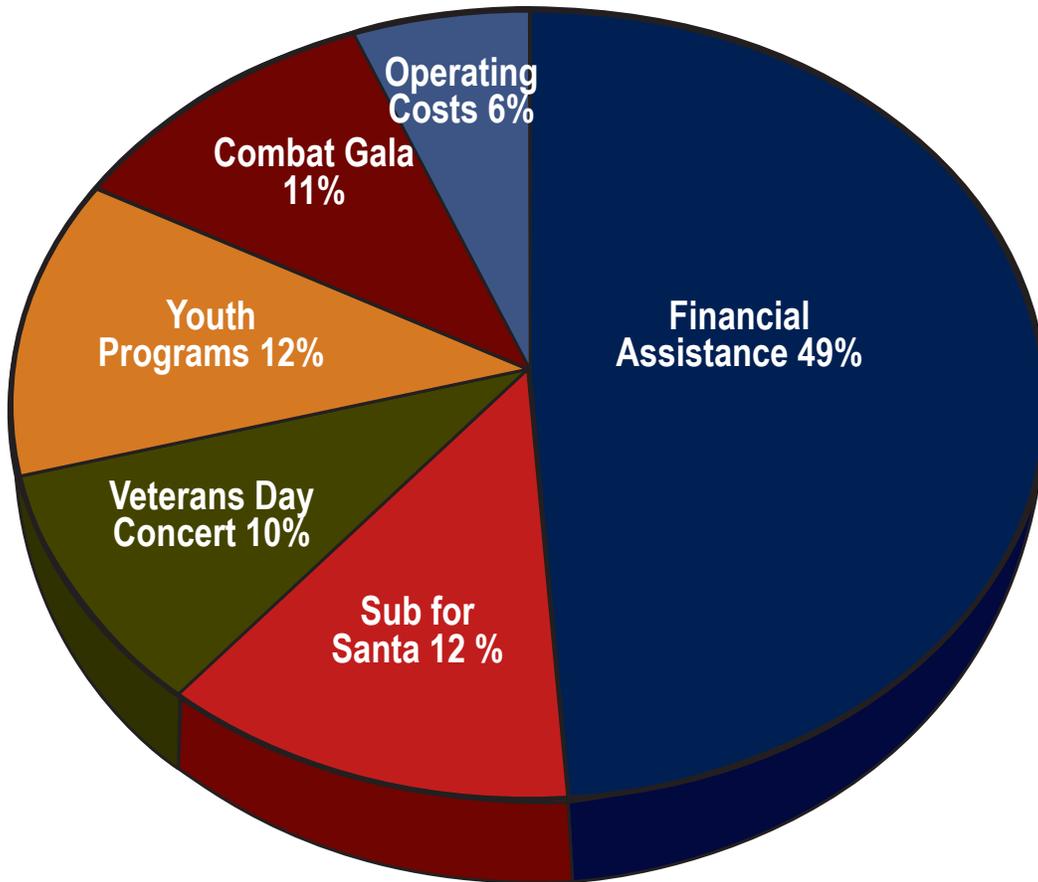
The Charitable Trust provides assistance to Guardmembers and their families who find themselves in financial hardship.

Examples of how Emergency Relief funds are used include the following:

- To cover transportation and lodging costs for a spouse or parent to travel to a military treatment facility where their Guardmember, who has been seriously injured or wounded while on active duty, is being cared for.

- To cover basic needs for Guardmember families while the Airman or Soldier is deployed to a combat area or for military school. Often the difference between military and civilian salaries is significant, and in such a case the Charitable Trust can provide families in need with grocery gift cards or help with utility bills.

- To help with emergency home repairs. Broken pipes, major-appliance repairs and unexpected car trouble are commonplace occurrences for military families. In many cases, a National Guardmember will perform the repairs so that the only cost to the Charitable Trust is for materials.



The Utah Guard Charitable Trust was established in 2005 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity. Since its creation, the Charitable Trust has disbursed funds among hundreds of Airmen and Soldiers' families, typically to offset financial hardships incurred during deployment of their Guardmember.

"The Trust can loan or grant small sums based upon a successful application made to the board," said Scot Olson, president, Utah Guard Charitable Trust. "Board

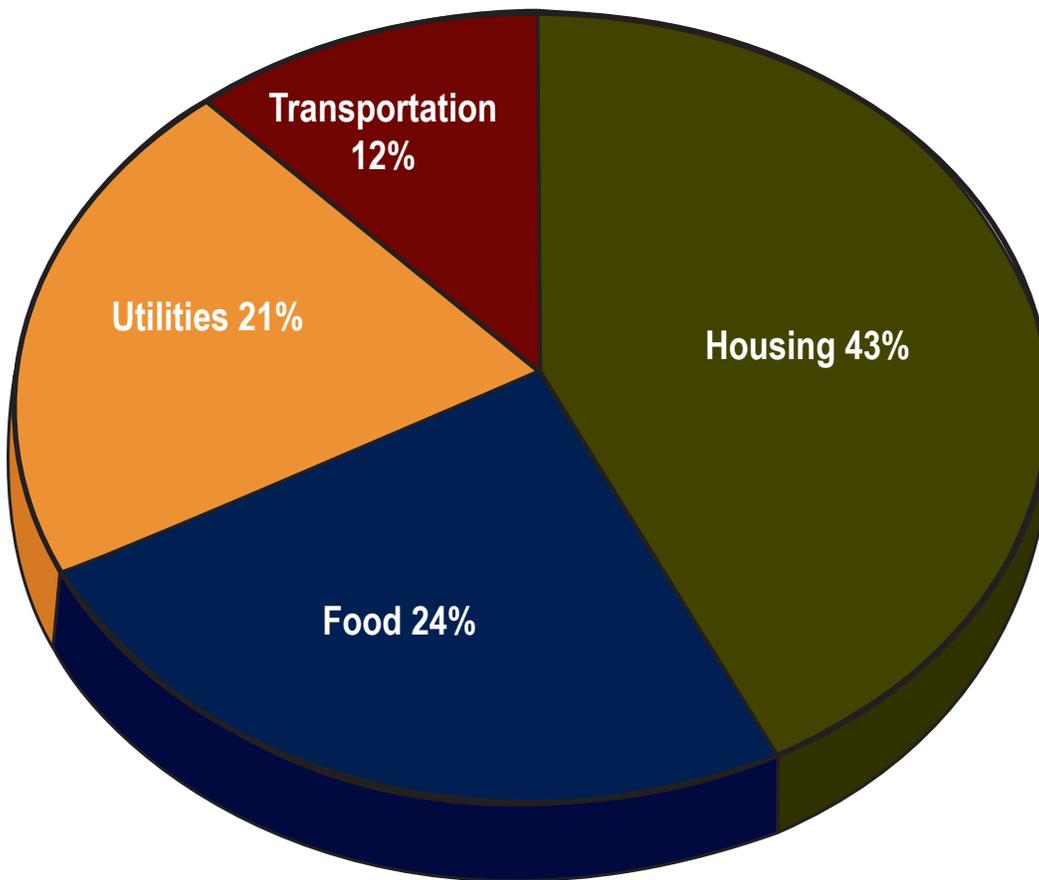
members carefully evaluate the merits of each case, take into account special circumstances, consult among themselves and conservatively administer the funds."

For the first six years, the Charitable Trust consistently operated with approximately one percent of donated funds being used for administrative costs. In 2011 and 2012 administrative costs increased to five then six percent. The all-volunteer board provides the ability to keep administrative costs to a minimum. Funds

## 2012 Expenditures



## Analysis of Financial Assistance



for the Charitable Trust have been provided by generous contributions from private donors and corporate partners.

“Donors can be assured that their contribution will be applied to relief,” said Olson. “The Trust compensates no voting board members.”

Utah National Guardmembers and their families make significant sacrifices to answer the call of the

nation. Among these are financial hardships endured while the military member serves away from his or her family.

Many of our Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen experience dramatic reductions in income when they leave their civilian jobs and mobilize for full-time military service.

## Statement of Cash Flows Dec. 31, 2010 thru Dec. 31, 2012

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cash Provided by Operating Activities:				
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 49,375	\$ 24,466	\$ 61,266	\$ 82,346
Cash, Beginning of Year	<u>\$302,848</u>	<u>\$336,555</u>	<u>\$341,179</u>	<u>\$375,181</u>
Cash, Ending of Year	<u>\$336,555</u>	<u>\$341,179</u>	<u>\$375,181</u>	<u>\$457,530</u>

There were no non-cash investing and financing activities.  
There was no interest paid.

## Statement of Financial Position Dec. 31, 2009 thru Dec. 31, 2012

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Current Assets:				
Cash	\$ 336,555	\$ 341,179	\$ 375,181	\$ 375,181
Accounts receivable loans	<u>44,300</u>	<u>64,142</u>	<u>91,406</u>	<u>82,349</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 380,855</u>	<u>\$ 405,321</u>	<u>\$ 466,587</u>	<u>\$ 457,530</u>
Sunrise Chapel Fund				\$ 250,000
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Unrestricted	\$ 380,855	\$ 405,321	\$ 466,587	\$ 707,530
Temporarily restricted	-	-	-	-
Permanently restricted	-	-	-	-
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 380,855</u>	<u>\$ 405,321</u>	<u>\$ 466,587</u>	<u>\$ 707,530</u>



## Statement of Activities For the Years Ended Dec. 31, 2009 thru Dec. 31, 2012

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Support and Revenues:				
Grants and donations	215,893	186,106	170,067	466,164
Interest and dividends	5,834	2,509	1,221	165
Assets released from restriction	--	--	--	--
Total support and revenues	<u>\$ 221,727</u>	<u>\$ 188,615</u>	<u>\$ 171,288</u>	<u>\$ 466,329</u>
Expenses:				
Financial Assistance (Grants)	113,860	98,618	44,449	65,300
Veterans Day Concert	13,899	18,228	17,932	15,117
Youth Programs	22,250	22,650	21,067	17,567
Charitable Trust 5K	--	--	3,133	
Sub for Santa	20,417	19,000	14,000	17,242
Administrative	1,926	5,653	9,140	8,213
Total Expenses	<u>\$172,352</u>	<u>\$164,149</u>	<u>\$109,722</u>	<u>\$135,319</u>
Sunrise Chapel Fund				<u>\$250,000</u>
Changes in Net Assets	49,375	24,466	61,266	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	331,480	380,855	405,321	
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 380,855</u>	<u>\$ 405,321</u>	<u>\$ 466,587</u>	<u>\$707,530</u>



*Staff Sgt. Christian Larsen, a medic, and Sergeant Nathan McGlaughlin, a crew chief, from Utah Army National Guard, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation, Detachment Charlie, 1-171st Aviation Regiment, load an injured rafter into an UH-60 helicopter during a real-world rescue mission on June 12, 2012. The Utah Army National Guard Soldiers assisted Emery County Search and Rescue in locating six rafters missing overnight on the San Rafael River in Emery County, Utah.*

# Combat Gala held at Energy Solutions Arena Supports the Utah Guard Charitable Trust

In September 2012, the Utah Guard Charitable Trust was invited to participate in the Combat Gala. The Combat Gala, planned to be held annually, was presented by the Utah Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command and hosted by Energy Solutions Arena through the generous donations from Larry H. Miller Group of Companies.

Utah Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command displayed some of the latest and finest military equipment at the event. The Utah Guard Charitable Trust invited current and potential donors to the event and gave them a firsthand look at the equipment and meet the Soldiers their donations would support.

Units providing equipment for the event included the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 1457th Engineer Battalion, 489th Brigade Support Battalion, 19th Special Forces, 65th Fires Brigade, 145th Field Artillery, and Recruiting and Retention Command.

Some of the equipment displayed included an M109A6 Howitzer, MRAP Armored Personnel Carrier, PLS Ammunition Vehicle, MKT Mobile Kitchen Trailer, Raptor (Drone), HUMMV's and an assortment of weaponry and other state-of-the-art gadgets.

The Combat Gala also afforded the Utah Guard Charitable Trust a unique platform to honor some of its valuable donors which included Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction, Zions Bank, L-3 Communications, Larry H. Miller (Energy Solutions Arena) and Universal Industrial Sales, Inc.

Another highlight of the Combat Gala was the Silent Auction. Corporations and individuals donate items that are auctioned during the evening.

The event proved a success as members of the Utah business community and members of the Utah National Guard had the chance to interact with each other as the 23rd Army Band played fantastic music.

*Community members view Utah National Guard equipment at the Combat Gala held at Energy Solutions Arena Sept 6.*



## Donations



## Admiral Beverage Enlists Cups to 'Serve' National Guard Personnel

Admiral Beverage wasn't just helping the communities where it does business when it decided to do something meaningful for the National Guard. The Pepsi bottler that serves several Western states was helping its own people as well.

"Our company has, for a long time, felt a need to support our troops," says Randy Jensen, vice president, On-Premise, for Admiral. "The National Guard troops who are called up to serve our country could be one of our employees or family members. Regardless of who they are or where they are from, we feel committed to support them wherever they serve."

The bottler reached out to the National Guard to ask what it could do to be of service to those who serve their country. It turned out the National Guard didn't accept direct donations, but Admiral learned about the Utah Guard Charitable Trust and similar organizations in Montana, South Dakota, Idaho and Wyoming. The result was a 32-ounce Mountain Dew cup promotion dedicated to raising funds for the Guard-assistance groups in those states.

It was an effort greatly appreciated by those on the receiving end, according to Ileen Kennedy, a public information officer with the Utah National Guard. Her state's Trust, she explained, is designed to help Soldiers, Airmen and their families through tough times that can arise during deployment. The assistance can come in any number of forms, including loans issued to make household ends meet and paying for travel that will allow a family member to join an injured spouse overseas while he or she recovers.

"The idea is to reach out and take the stress off of Soldiers in a deployed situation so they can focus on the job at hand and not worry so much about the needs of their families," Kennedy said. "It takes companies like Admiral Beverage saying, 'we want to help our military' to make those good intentions become genuinely good deeds."

The Utah Guard Charitable Trust doesn't advertise, so it counted itself fortunate to find a marketing-savvy partner in Admiral Beverage. The bottler leveraged Mountain Dew's relationship with Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Randy says, since the NASCAR driver was already known for his support of the Guard. From there, "we did point-of-sale, banners, posters"



and whatever manner of promotion it took so consumers would understand what a good cause they were supporting when they purchased more than a million, 32-ounce cups of Dew between the middle of July and the end of September.

"A lot of our employees have been involved in call-ups," Randy reiterates. "For their families, that means sons or daughters or mothers or fathers who are serving. We want to do all we can to support them."



Kelly Clay, president of Admiral Beverage, presents an \$8,000 check for the Utah Guard Charitable Trust to Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton.

## Sub-for Santa Program Receives a Boost

Wednesday night, Dec. 5, 2012, several Soldiers from the Utah Army National Guard, staff from Family Programs, and Goldman Sachs employees descended upon a downtown Walmart with the express purpose of purchasing much-needed items for National Guard families during the holiday season.

Many companies throughout Utah contribute to and assist the Guard with Sub for Santa. This year Goldman Sachs and L-3 Communications were two of the biggest business contributors to the program.

Forty-seven members from Goldman Sachs veterans network, of which there are 247, donated \$12,000 and numerous hours of their own time shopping.

"We are always looking for ways to give back to our community. It's good to know Guardmembers and their families may benefit due to our efforts," said Rasheed Khan, a Marine Corps vet and Goldman Sachs employee.

Shoppers were given lists with ages, gender and needs and sent into Walmart to acquire the needed items. Three registers were reserved for checkout of these special shoppers, and when they checked out the items were bagged, labeled and whisked away to be opened Christmas Day by National Guard children.

Captain Emilio Suazo, of the 1-145th Field Artillery

and a Goldman Sachs employee, was there as a shopper. Suazo said, "It's great seeing the National Guard and business community coming together for a good cause."

L-3 Communications representatives arrived at the Salt Lake Armory Dec. 6, 2012, and met with Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, Utah's adjutant general, to show him their contributions for Guard families. All in-kind donations from L-3 came from their employees, and any employee cash donations were matched by L-3 to go to the Charitable Trust. Thousands of dollars worth of toys, clothing and other essential items were donated.

CiCi Compton, L-3 military-relations liaison, said, "We have such a strong connection with the military because 12 percent of our employee base is military. We love giving back and have a huge amount of pride for our military."

It's not just about monetary donations; it's about giving back, helping people and providing hope—even just an ounce of it, stated Danielle Wissmar, Goldman Sachs employee and spouse of a Utah National Guardmember.

According to Capt. Noé Vázquez, director of the Sub-for-Santa program, generous donations from private citizens and organizations like these will ensure a more meaningful Christmas for military families in Utah who have indicated a need for support this year.

The Utah National Guard Family Support Services office assisted in helping more than 400 children during the Christmas holiday.



*Goldman Sachs employees, volunteers and members of the Utah National Guard shop to fill gift requests for children of Guardmembers from generous donations to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust and Sub-for-Santa program.*

# Donations



## Top General of Utah National Guard Thanks Kindergarten Students for Charitable Donation



The adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller visited with Kindergarten students at St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary Nov. 5 to thank them for their generous donation to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust.

Students presented the Utah Guard Charitable Trust with a check for \$332 on Sept. 11, but Burton wanted to visit the school in person to express his gratitude for

their kindness and hard work.

Burton and Miller talked with Kindergarten classes about patriotism and what it means to wear the uniform.

Kindergarten teachers Rhea Eggert, Shannon Hargrove and Annie Taylor helped students raise the funds by creating a painted flag with their handprints for Patriot Day (Sept. 11) and then holding an opportunity drawing with all proceeds going to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust.



*Major Gen. Jeff Burton and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller thank kindergarten children from St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary in Draper, Utah, for their donation to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust Nov. 5.*

**Larry H. Miller, Group of  
Companies donates \$250,000 for  
the building of  
Sunrise Hall Worship Center**



*Gail Miller-Wilson, (left) wife of the late Larry H. Miller, makes one of the first, large donations toward the building of Sunrise Hall Worship Center. Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton receives the check on behalf of the Charitable Trust.*

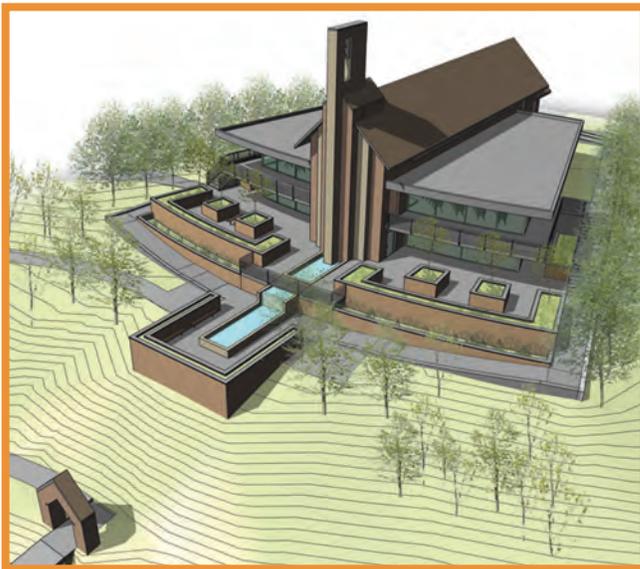


*Gail Miller-Wilson, (center), with her family members and employees of the Larry H. Miller Group of Companies, pose in front of a model replica of the proposed building of Sunrise Hall Worship Center to be built on the ground of Training Site Command-Camp Williams.*

**Sunrise Hall  
Worship Center**



## Conceptual Architectural Drawings



*Architectural drawings of the proposed Sunrise Hall Worship Center, Camp Williams.*

Serving the spiritual needs of Soldiers at Camp Williams is the decades-old, Camp Williams Chapel. Built during World War II, the chapel is a low-slung, converted, barracks building, set on a corner in the matrix of roads that surround the parade grounds of the Post. With little to distinguish it but age, the chapel has long outlived its usefulness as a setting for worship or spiritual renewal. The low ceiling and multiple support pillars in the chapel area make impossible the use of any modern audio/visual enhancements. The building is poorly lit, poorly ventilated and can only serve about 75 Soldiers at a time. The unisex bathroom also doubles as a cleaning closet. The rear office and single classroom are cramped and can do little more than serve as storage space for outdated chairs and desks. Over time, remodeling has occurred, but investing further to make improvements can't be justified as the old building will not be structurally useful, pleasing or serviceable—regardless of paint or new carpeting.

Sunrise Hall will be a first-rate, spiritual center of excellence and resilience for decades, serving several generations of Utah and western region Soldiers. Attractive and inspiring, Sunrise Hall will reflect beautifully the value Utahns place in matters of spirituality and character development. Worship services, weddings, funerals, relationship enhancing seminars, joyful and solemn occasions will be matched perfectly by the setting and aesthetics of this beautiful edifice. With thousands of Soldiers to serve and thousands of lives to be lifted and touched, Sunrise Hall Worship Center at Camp Williams will be a sanctuary for all.



*The Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band and a 600-voice, combined choir from Granite School District high schools performs at the Utah National Guard's 57th annual Veterans Day concert at the University of Utah's Jon M. Huntsman Center Nov. 10.*

The Utah National Guard hosted the 57th annual Veterans Day concert at the University of Utah's Jon M. Huntsman Center Nov. 10.

The event, entitled "Looking Forward," highlighted the sacrifices made by military veterans and their families throughout the history of our nation. Special attention was given to young Airmen and Soldiers, who represent the future of our country and its defense.

"We dedicate these performances tonight, and our performances in uniform in the future, to those who have served in this uniform in the past whose shoulders we stand upon here tonight," said keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard. "To all those who are currently serving, may our hearts be drawn to those who are in harm's way tonight. May we ponder them and their families and think about them, and may they be in our prayers. We pledge that we will continue to uphold the motto of the National Guard which is, 'Always Ready, Always There.'"

The program included performances by the Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band, led by Chief Warrant

Officer 2 Denny Saunders, and a 600-voice, high school combined choir from Granite School District.

Dr. Carol Goodson, music specialist for the Granite School District, described her impressions of the concert and its impact on the performing choir students.

"It's a way for our students to perform where it has more meaning," said Goodson. "It's an opportunity for them to learn about the military firsthand, to know what they experience and what they do for us and to develop that feeling within themselves of pride in the military."

"The thing that is most impressive about this concert is that this is the only thing we do as a whole school district, and they get to do it in a way that develops their patriotism," she continued.

During the program, Zions Bank presented its third annual Veterans Service Award to recently retired Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, former adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, for his lifetime of service and support of military veterans.

As a new addition to this year's concert, the Utah National Guard, in partnership with the Utah Parent-Teacher Association, recognized the winners of an essay contest for children of currently serving military

## Veterans Day Concert



members. The theme of the contest was "Why I Am Proud to Be a Military Brat."

The following elementary, middle school and high school students were selected as the contest winners and were formally recognized at the concert:

- Brian Walker, a fifth-grader at Sage Hills Elementary in Saratoga Springs
- Josiah Ortega, of Excelsior Preparatory Academy in Eagle Mountain
- Madeline Buhman, a senior at Timpanogos High School in Orem

Chairman of the concert committee, Lt. Col. Marc Savageau, stated attendance at the annual Veterans Day concert is usually between 4,000 to 5,000 persons; however, he estimated the attendance this year to be slightly less due to heavy snowfall that day. The event was free and open to the public. The concert was funded by the Honorary Colonels Corps and by donations to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust from numerous local businesses.

The concert's master of ceremonies, Lt. Col. Hank McIntire, described the importance of honoring Veterans Day and related his favorite portion of the concert.

"We enjoy what we enjoy today because of what veterans have done for us," said McIntire. "We do this concert to honor them. As a veteran myself, it's nice to be remembered and be a part of that brother and sisterhood of those who served."

"One of my favorite parts of the event is the Armed Forces Medley and seeing veterans jump up, clap and sing their Service song," McIntire continued. "That means a lot, especially seeing the older veterans, the ones in wheelchairs and walkers. Watching them try to stand up when their service song is played is very inspiring and very touching."



*Retired Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, former adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, was awarded the Veterans Service Award by Zions Bank for his lifetime of service and support of military veterans.*

Americans originally celebrated Veterans Day as the anniversary of the end of World War I when major hostilities of World War I were formally ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice. It was not officially titled Veterans Day until 1954 when the holiday was reestablished as a way to honor all veterans, both living and deceased, who have served throughout U.S. military history.



*Chief Warrant Officer 2 Denny Saunders takes a bow after conducting the opening number, "The Footlifter." Leah Tarrant conducts "America, the Dream Goes On." Guest speaker Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, addressed the audience during the 57th annual Veterans Day concert.*

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