



DEAR FRIEND,

As we all begin to tackle goals and resolutions of the new year, I am grateful to reflect back on 2019 and deliver some of our outstanding results to you, our supporters. I'm so appreciative of your trust and commitment to the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund and our mission of giving back to military families through education.

Two thousand nineteen was our best year yet! We finished up our sixth fiscal year, and it was a busy one. We'll publish our full 2019 impact report soon after our annual financial audit concludes. But I am very excited to share a few highlights of 2019 with you:

- First and foremost, we disbursed \$4,296,000 in grants for college scholarships and education programs for military families. We awarded grants to trusted nonprofit partners for scholarships for Gold Star Children and children of disabled servicemen and women. We awarded further funding to additional grantees for veteran and military spouse scholarships and other education services for military families. This 2019 Johnny Mac investment will fund over 750 scholarships. In total, we've now provided \$16.3 million in scholarship and education programs funding to some 2,000 Johnny Mac Scholars since our founding in 2014.
- We held 2 gala events, introducing the Fund to Dallas in April 2019, and holding our 4th annual gala in Atlanta in November 2019. It is said that "Everything is bigger in Texas," and Dallas did not disappoint with an audience of over 700 supporters and a gala fundraising record for us. Not to be outdone, our fall Atlanta audience met the challenge a few months later and set a new gala record. We also hosted our annual golf tournament at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, and donor events in Houston and Del Mar, CA.
- In July, then-Secretary of the Army Mark Esper recognized Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund with the Department of the Army's Distinguished Public Service Medal for exceptional service and support to the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense, and for an unwavering commitment and dedication to soldiers and their families. We're proud of this distinction!
- We continued our national sponsorship relationship with best-in-class brand Mercedes-Benz USA. For every vehicle sold in the U.S., Mercedes-Benz USA makes a donation to Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund.

On behalf of our board of directors, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Sincerely,

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