WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

2018 IMPACT REPORT

WOUNDED WARRIOR
ANTHONY VILLARREAL AND HIS FAMILY

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT®
Moved by stories of the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq, several veterans and friends took action to help others in need, and Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) was born. Now, 15 years later, millions of warriors and their families’ lives have been improved through life-saving WWP programs and advocacy efforts.

**Connection**

**THE NEED**

48% of warriors feel that they do not have a close personal relationship with other people.

“Spending time with other warriors allows you to rebuild bonds with your brothers and sisters in arms and allows you to rebuild the connections we once had.”

2018 WWP ANNUAL WARRIOR SURVEY

**OUR IMPACT**

15+ WWP connection events hosted every day, on average, to help warriors out of isolation.

5.9M WWP e-newsletters delivered, connecting warriors and family members to activities and resources in their communities.

*All statistics from fiscal year 2018 — October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018.*
**Mental Health**

WWP helps warriors build the resilience they need to overcome mental health challenges and move closer to becoming their best selves.

**THE NEED**

“After I got out of the Marine Corps, I shut myself inside the house and didn’t want to leave. You helped me get out and realize there was still life left to be lived.”

78% of warriors reported experiencing or living with PTSD.

**OUR IMPACT**

More than 57,800 hours of PTSD treatment delivered through Warrior Care Network.

74% of participants plan to continue mental health care as a result of attending a WWP mental health event.

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**Physical Health & Wellness**

By offering coaching, skill-building, and physical training, WWP helps warriors make long-term changes so they can lead more active, healthy lives.

**THE NEED**

“The Physical Health and Wellness program helped me feel better in the clothes I was wearing. I had confidence in myself again - like I used to when I was in the Marine Corps. I hadn't felt that in over a decade.”

87% of warriors are overweight or obese.

**OUR IMPACT**

92% of coached participants continued pursuing health fitness, nutrition, or wellness practices.

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Financial Wellness

Through career and VA benefits counseling, WWP provides resources and services to help warriors lead more financially resilient lives.

THE NEED

12%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR WARRIORS IN THE LABOR FORCE WHO ARE NOT ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY (DOWN FROM 20% IN 2014, BUT STILL 3X THE NATIONAL AVERAGE)

“The Warriors to Work® program is taking war veterans and matching them with veteran-friendly employers. Unfortunately, veterans spend months looking for work after separation [from the military]. This program bridges that gap.”

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OUR IMPACT

MORE THAN $103 MILLION
OF ECONOMIC IMPACT THROUGH WARRIORS, CAREGIVERS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS OBTAINING FULL- OR PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

MORE THAN $100 MILLION
OF ECONOMIC IMPACT THROUGH BENEFITS SERVICE

Independence

The resources provided by WWP’s Independence Program allow the most severely wounded warriors the ability to lead a full life at home versus a long-term care facility.

THE NEED

32%
OF WARRIORS NEED THE AID AND ATTENDANCE OF ANOTHER PERSON BECAUSE OF THEIR INJURIES AND HEALTH PROBLEMS

“Jason is part of the Independence Program – that’s the biggest impact on his life in the long term. It will be there when my husband and I are no longer around to take care of him.”

— PAM ESTES

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OUR IMPACT

MORE THAN 207,000
HOURS OF CASE MANAGEMENT, LIFE SKILLS COACHING, AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES PROVIDED TO THE MORE THAN 700 SEVERELY INJURED WARRIORS ENROLLED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

WOUNDED WARRIOR BILL JONES

WOUNDED WARRIOR JASON EHRHART (CENTER), WITH HIS PARENTS PAM AND MIKE ESTES
Government Relations

By working with the legislative and executive branches of government, WWP advocates for laws and policies that improve healthcare and financial wellness outcomes for warriors and their families.

Community Relations And Partnerships

WWP believes in the value of a strong, vibrant veteran community. We partner with other veteran and military service organizations to augment critical WWP services in communities that need it most.

“Thank you for helping WWP. You are helping so many vets who are dealing with issues and are trying to give back to society. The support you are providing gives a veteran the chance to do just that.”

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