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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation is ever-present in the community, constantly working to make a positive and measurable impact on the lives of children that need it most. The Foundation inspires, empowers, and invests in the next generation to reach their full potential with a commitment to equity and service. Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has given back more than $31M to the local community through programs focused on military appreciation, health and wellness, education, and social justice.

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OUR IMPACT

150,000

pounds of food distributed to families during the Season of Giving

$300,000

donated to support response efforts for the ongoing crisis in Ukraine

5,500

care packages assembled for troops in partnership with the USO

2,000+

books handed out reflecting diversity, equity and inclusion to local youth

$350,000

contributed to local community and charitable programs

$40,000+

raised via the “Command the Cure” t-shirt sales

$180,000

donated through NFL Grants supporting league-wide initiatives like Crucial Catch, Play60 and Inspire Change

5.1 TONS

of soil and 664 grasses, shrubs, and perennials while building an Outdoor Learning Lab during Alumni Homecoming Weekend

OVER 65,000 INDIVIDUALS

impacted by Commanders community events and programming

SEASON OF GIVING

The Season of Giving initiative was launched in 2020 to positively impact neighboring communities, spread holiday joy and cheer, and engage fans in ongoing efforts to build a stronger community. The month-long initiative is supported by The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, Washington Commanders players, and community partners, including the Toys for Tots Foundation, Amazon, and United Airlines.

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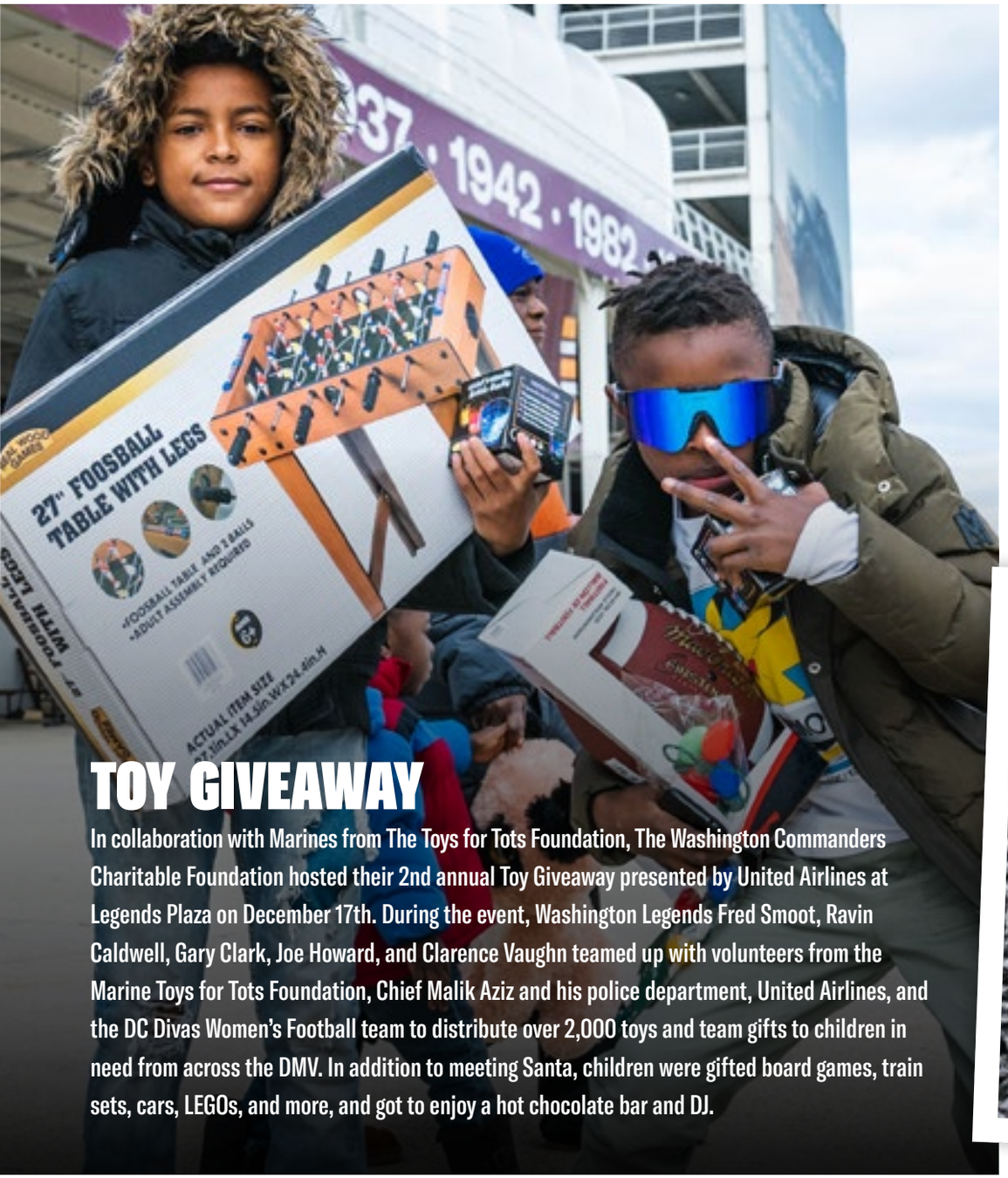
HARVEST FEAST

The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation hosted the 20th annual Harvest Feast in partnership with Capital Area Food Bank, Bank of America, FedEx, Paisano's Pizza, PepsiCo, the Prince George's County Department of Social Services, and Safeway. In total, the day's festivities delivered food baskets to 2,500 Prince George's County residents, helping to ensure underprivileged families in the DMV community have a warm meal on Thanksgiving. Over the course of the day, Washington Legends and members of the Command Force teamed up to distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to two local shelters: the Prince George's County Department of Social Services Transitional Housing Program and United Communities Against Poverty. In total, the event distributed roughly 100,000 pounds of nutritious packaged food and fresh produce, and 50,000 pounds of turkeys in an in-person experience at FedExField. Since the event's inception in 2003, Harvest Feast has gifted nearly 1.7 million pounds of packaged and fresh food and 650,000 pounds of turkey to area families in need.



TOY GIVEAWAY

In collaboration with Marines from The Toys for Tots Foundation, The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation hosted their 2nd annual Toy Giveaway presented by United Airlines at Legends Plaza on December 17th. During the event, Washington Legends Fred Smoot, Ravin Caldwell, Gary Clark, Joe Howard, and Clarence Vaughn teamed up with volunteers from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Chief Malik Aziz and his police department, United Airlines, and the DC Divas Women's Football team to distribute over 2,000 toys and team gifts to children in need from across the DMV. In addition to meeting Santa, children were gifted board games, train sets, cars, LEGOs, and more, and got to enjoy a hot chocolate bar and DJ.

TOY DRIVE WITH MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

On December 18th, ahead of the team's Sunday Night Football game, the U.S. Marine Corps and Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation joined forces for the 75th annual Toys for Tots event to collect toys and monetary donations to benefit children in under-served communities across the DMV. More than 70 U.S Marines local to the Metro-DC area collected nearly 800 toys and over $15,000 in monetary donations. Since 2011, the Commanders have raised nearly $300,000 for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, helping to create a joyful holiday season for all children in our community.

SECOND ANNUAL AMAZON HOLIDAY READING EVENT

On December 20th, the Commanders teamed up with Amazon for a second holiday season and EPIC EVERYDAY, a children's lifestyle brand designed to empower and inspire under-represented children, to bring holiday cheer to SKC Early Education Centers, a leading primary education center in Prince George's County. During the visit, Washington Legends Chris Baker, Vernon Davis, Ken Harvey, Tim Hightower, Josh Morgan, and Fred Smoot surprised children with a special reading of "Soulful Holidays: An inclusive rhyming story celebrating the joys of Christmas and Kwanzaa" by local author, Ciara Hill. Washington Legends, EPIC EVERYDAY, and Amazon volunteers also presented SKC Early Education Centers with a $25,000 donation to further the organization's mission of providing children with the foundational tools they need for lifelong success.

SOCK DRIVE

On December 20th, during the Commander's Staff holiday party, the Team donated over 1,200 pairs of socks to Sock It to Em, an organization that provides socks to homeless shelters in the DMV area.

COAT DRIVE

On January 1st, Assistant Running Backs Coach Jennifer King, in partnership with The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, hosted a coat drive throughout December. Over 400 coats were collected and donated to the One Warm Coat organization, ensuring women and children could stay warm through the winter.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Every October, the Washington franchise has prioritized encouraging the DMV community and NFL fans nationwide to THINK PINK® through advocacy, elevating community partners, and especially, promoting breast cancer early detection awareness and equitable access to care. Washington Commanders Co-Owner and Co-CEO Tanya Snyder, a breast cancer survivor, was the leading founder of the THINK PINK® initiative 24 years ago alongside the Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) Foundation, and since then has been an instrumental partner in expanding THINK PINK® and the NFL's "Crucial Catch" initiative. Throughout October, the Commanders hosted events dedicated to increasing breast cancer awareness, promoting early detection best practices, and education around the importance of treatment equity, including an inaugural Breast Cancer Awareness panel, a mammogram van at FedExField, and the All-Star Survivors Celebration.

ANNUAL THINK PINK® AND BREAST CANCER AWARENESS-THEMED GAME

On October 9th, the team hosted their annual THINK PINK® and BCA-themed game. Elements and activations paid tribute to breast cancer survivors and those currently undergoing treatment.

- The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation welcomed 30 All-Star Survivors, whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. The All-Star Survivors were hosted at a pre-game tailgate and in a suite during the game. At halftime, the 30 All-Star survivors and their caretakers were honored on-field and held a large pink ribbon.
- Over 500 former All-Star Survivors came back to the game as guests of the Commanders.
- Zeta Tau Alpha volunteers distributed 30,000 pink ribbons to promote breast cancer awareness and prevention.
- Limited-edition pink and gold pom poms were distributed as a gate giveaway to the first 30,000 fans in attendance.

COMMAND THE CURE T-SHIRT SALE

Throughout October, the Commanders sold limited-edition "Command the Cure" T-shirts raising over $41,000 for this meaningful cause. All proceeds from the T-shirt and ticket sales benefitted the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation and the Brem Foundation, which is dedicated to maximizing women's chances of finding curable breast cancer through expert education about early detection, access to diagnostic tests for women in need, and physician training.

14TH ANNUAL ALL-STAR SURVIVORS CELEBRATION

The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, hosted the 14th annual All-Star Survivors Celebration at Firefly Cellars. Thirty local All-Star Survivors whose lives have been affected by breast cancer were treated to lunch, makeup consultations, massages, and gifted swag bags from team partners and the Washington Commanders. The All-Star Survivors were women who had just completed treatment or just entered remission and had been selected in partnership with the American Cancer Society.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND EQUITABLE CARE PANEL

The Commanders hosted a first-of-its-kind Breast Cancer Awareness panel at The National Museum of African American History & Culture. The panel, moderated by FOX5 reporter Ayesha Khan, who had recently completed her own breast cancer treatment, focused on breast cancer through the lens of healthcare equity. Attendees of the panel heard from female advocates discussing breast cancer awareness and the importance of early detection. Featured panelists included Dr. Rachel Brem, Founder of the Brem Foundation; Linda Goler Blount, CEO of Black Women's Health Imperative; and Elizabeth Stark, a leading cancer genetic counselor and prevention specialist.

MAMMOGRAM VAN AT FEDEXFIELD

The Commanders, in collaboration with Breast Care for Washington, stationed a mammogram van outside of FedExField as part of the team's Breast Cancer Awareness Month programming. The van offered state-of-the-art 3D mammography to dozens of women in the DMV community, regardless of insurance status. The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation also contributed $4,000 to Breast Care for Washington for their commitment to providing breast cancer screening. The Breast Care for Washington Mammogram Van is the only facility to offer state of the art 3D mammography to the medically underserved population east of the Anacostia River. The van provides direct services within a community health clinic setting. Working with local service organizations like Community of Hope, the van also has strong referral relationships with three additional Federally Qualified Health Center's – Unity Health Care, La Clinica del Pueblo, and Whitman Walker Health.

WASHINGTON SALUTE

Mission: Honoring, Empowering, and Connecting Service Members, Veterans, and their Families the Largest Military Community in the Country. Setting a League Wide Standard for Military Programs & Events Throughout the NFL.

Washington Salute recognizes the duty to serve and support those who have courageously fought for our freedom and provides an opportunity to thank our military for their continued selfless efforts. A first of its kind in the NFL, Washington Salute allows service members to connect with the team and with each other as part of the team's commitment to 365-day programming and support.

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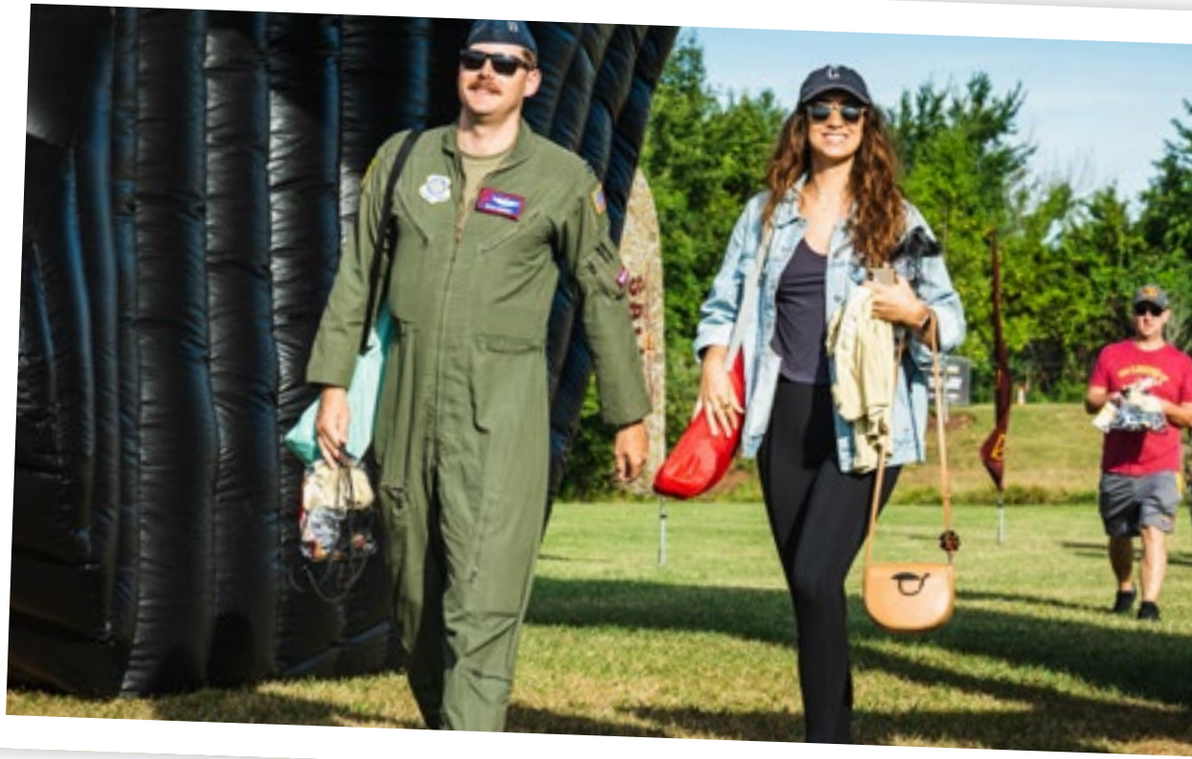

SALUTE MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY AT TRAINING CAMP

On Saturday, July 30th, the Commanders hosted Washington Salute Military Appreciation Day at Training Camp as part of the NFL's Back Together Saturday Initiative. Attendees were invited for breakfast to watch practice and participate in meet and greets with Commanders players and coaches. HMX-1 Presidential Helicopter Squadron, Marine Corps Base Quantico, 89th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Andrews, 459th Aerial Refueling Wing, Joint Base Andrews, 316th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, TAPS, and the National Military Family Association were in attendance. Head Coach Ron Rivera presented a custom football from NFL Back Together Saturday to Sergeant Dorian Roblin, from Orlando, FL, on behalf of the Presidential Helicopter Support Squadron HMX-1 from Quantico.

JOINT BASE ANDREWS PRACTICE

On August 12th, in partnership with USAA, the Commanders invited service members and their families stationed at Joint Base Andrews to watch the team's practice, as the team geared up for the kickoff of the 2022 season. As the Commanders made their annual visit to the base, military members in attendance had the opportunity to watch practice from the sidelines and connect with players and sign autographs at the conclusion of practice. Head Coach Ron Rivera addressed and thanked the over 300 service members and families in attendance.

USO PACK4TROOPS EVENTS AND THE UKRAINE CRISIS

On November 8th, the Commanders partnered with USO to assemble 1,500 care packages for troops. Care packages bundled with postcards, blankets, snacks, and handwritten notes represented the community's small token of appreciation for troops deploying overseas. This event builds on the 15-year partnership between the Washington franchise and USO. Earlier this year, the team's staff, Washington Legends, sponsors, and partners joined active-duty service members and USO for the largest packing event in USO history that delivered over 4,000 care packages (24,000 items) to service members deploying to Ukraine.

Washington Commanders Co-Owner and Co-CEO Tanya Snyder, Head Coach Ron Rivera, his wife Stephanie Rivera, and Commanders players Jonathan Allen and Jamin Davis hand-delivered the care packages to troops at BWI airport just before they boarded the plane for deployment. These collaborative efforts are representative of the special partnership between the Washington franchise and the USO to help our nation's troops over the last 15 years.

In March 2022, Co-Owners and Co-CEOs Tanya and Dan Snyder donated $300,000 to support response efforts for the ongoing crisis in Ukraine to the USO and the following organizations:

• USO Support our Troops, which has mobilized to support service members who have been deployed to Ukraine and the surrounding areas as well as their families, through care packages, USO2GO, and boxed snack programs.

• DC-based World Central Kitchen, which is providing nourishing, hot meals through distribution points across six countries to refugees, in addition to partnering with local restaurants in Ukraine to support local needs for those who are staying in their cities.

• International Rescue Committee, which is working to rush critical aid and direct support to displaced families through locally based organizations.

• Save the Children, which is working with Ukraine's most at-risk population, children, to address physical harm, severe emotional distress and mass displacement by coordinating efforts to provide immediate aid, supplies, psychosocial support and cash assistance.

SALUTE TO SERVICE MONTH

In November 2022, the Commanders joined the National Football League in celebrating Salute to Service Month, a prominent tradition that connects the league to our nation's service members, veterans, and their families. Since 2011, this effort has raised more the $58 million league-wide for military and veteran support organizations, including United Service Organizations (USO), Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), and more.

This November, Salute to Service week came with revamped significance in the franchise's inaugural season as the Commanders. Washington's new name and brand identity was in part selected because of the tribute it pays to the National Capital Region's prominent military history and community, which exhibits a powerful model of servant leadership.

Throughout November the Commanders hosted events dedicated to recognizing veterans and current members of America's Armed Forces including a Walter Reed National Military Medical Center hospital visit, Bowie State University ROTC Cadets scholarship event, TAPS families VIP experience at Commanders practice, and a military job fair.

SALUTE TO SERVICE-THEMED GAME

On November 6th, the team hosted their annual Salute to Service-themed game. Elements and in-game ceremonies recognized veterans and current members of America's Armed Forces with:

- The USO-Metro Club opened three hours before kickoff to select active-duty military members
- The Commanders invited 1,000 military members to enjoy the game
- Photo opportunities included a giant "W" wrapped in camo, a US Army Blackhawk Helicopter, and Prince George's Fire Department hoisting the American Flag over Sean Taylor Road
- Prior to kickoff, the Naval Academy Drum and Bugle Corps performed the National Anthem behind the United States Naval Academy Ceremonial Color Guard. During the National Anthem, flags with the crest of each of the six military branches of service were held by representatives from each branch. Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Sergeant Matthew Williams served the team's honorary captain. A flight of T-38 Talons from the 7th Fighter Training Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis conducted a flyover. Additionally, six VIPs from each Branch of Service were honored.

WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL VISIT

On November 1st, select Commanders players and Team Dog Mando visited Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to kick off the team's Salute to Service month programming. Commanders players and Mando had the chance to interact with patients and staff members at the facility, as well as hand out Commanders swag bags, on behalf of The Foundation. As the world's largest joint military medical center, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center is committed to providing world-class healthcare to the nation's fighting forces, retirees, and their families. In addition to preventive, primary and emergency care, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center also provides military health and military readiness services including Medical Education Programs, United States Navy Clinical Psychology Training and Accession Programs, Wounded Warrior Care Center, and more.

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS)

On November 5th, the Commanders hosted five families of fallen soldiers representing TAPS at practice. TAPS is an organization devoted to families of those who sacrificed their life for our country. TAPS families had the opportunity to watch practice from the sideline and connect with Commanders players, Head Coach Ron Rivera, Washington Legend Doug Williams, and Team Dog Mando. At the team's annual Salute to Service game, Commanders players wore decals on their helmets with the initials of TAPS families fallen loved ones.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY ROTC CADETS SCHOLARSHIPS

On November 2nd, the Commanders invited Bowie State University ROTC (roughly 30 cadets) to FedExField for a celebration hosted by Team President Jason Wright and Washington Legend Doug Williams. Cadets arrived in uniform, were greeted with gift packages from the team, and invited to participate in a reception featuring pizza, music, a step-and-repeat, and more. Jason and Doug gave remarks about lessons they learned when breaking barriers in leadership and the sports industry. At the conclusion of the event, the team, in partnership with Easterns Automotive Group, surprised two Cadets with $10,000 scholarship checks. The scholarships were donated by Easterns Automotive Group as part of its long-standing support for the local military community. Established in 1974, the Reserve Officer Training Corp at Bowie State has a proud tradition of preparing competent leaders with character.

RECRUITMILITARY AND DAV HOLD MILITARY JOBS FAIR AT FEDEXFIELD

On November 10th, hundreds of service members, veterans, military spouses, and employers were welcomed to FedExField for a military jobs fair hosted by RecruitMilitary, a non-profit that works to empower veterans through career transitions, and DAV, an organization dedicated to ensuring disabled veterans and families have the resources they need to thrive. Dozens of international companies, including PepsiCo and Lockheed Martin, were among the cohort of businesses looking to retain top talent from the ranks of our military community. In addition to the meeting with many hiring companies at the event, attendees were able to snap a professional headshot at no cost.

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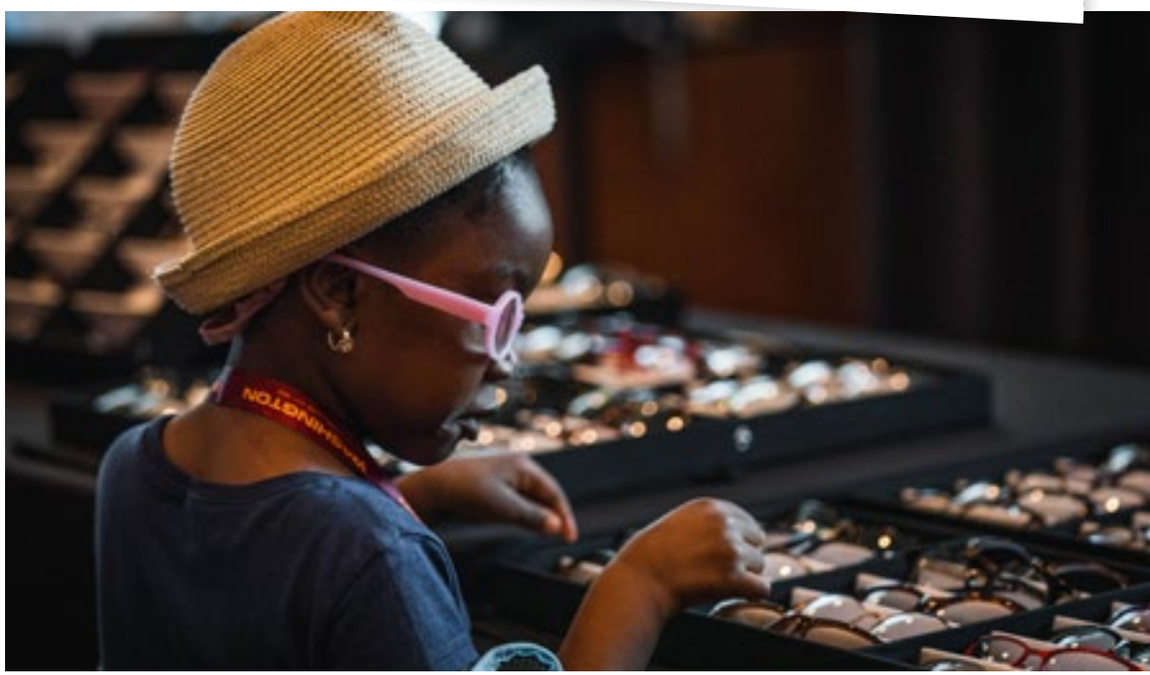
BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

On August 19th, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation hosted its 8th annual Back to School Fair at FedExField, serving over 1,500 children between the ages of six to eleven (first grade through fifth grade). The goal of the event is to give children and their families in need a central place to receive information and items so they are prepared as possible for the upcoming school year. Participating children received books, bookbags and a variety of school supplies with access to services such as dental and vision exams. Since 2015, this event has provided more than 7,000 brand new backpacks, school supply kits and additional resources to students across the region. Participating organizations include Heart of America, Build-A-Bear Workshop, JTdmv haircut, UWNCA, TeamSmile, Prevention of Blindness, Pepsi, and Safeway.



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COMMANDERS READS PROGRAM KICKOFF

In March 2023, the Commanders relaunched the Commanders Read program at Kenilworth Elementary School in Bowie, Maryland. Washington Legends Ken Harvey and Josh Wilson read a chapter of a book focused on African American Culture to 135 students in recognition of Black History Month. After the read-aloud, Harvey and Wilson participated in a Q&A and surprised the students with a special announcement, letting them know they will receive a classroom set of diversity, equity, and inclusion books provided by Heart of America and The Foundation.

Commanders Read is designed to encourage a love of reading for 4th to 5th graders with the goal of helping students develop grade-level reading proficiency skills by the time they graduate elementary school. The Commanders Read series features Commanders players and Washington Legends (Alumni) reading popular Scholastic books in a fun “read along” style for students to help them engage and learn.

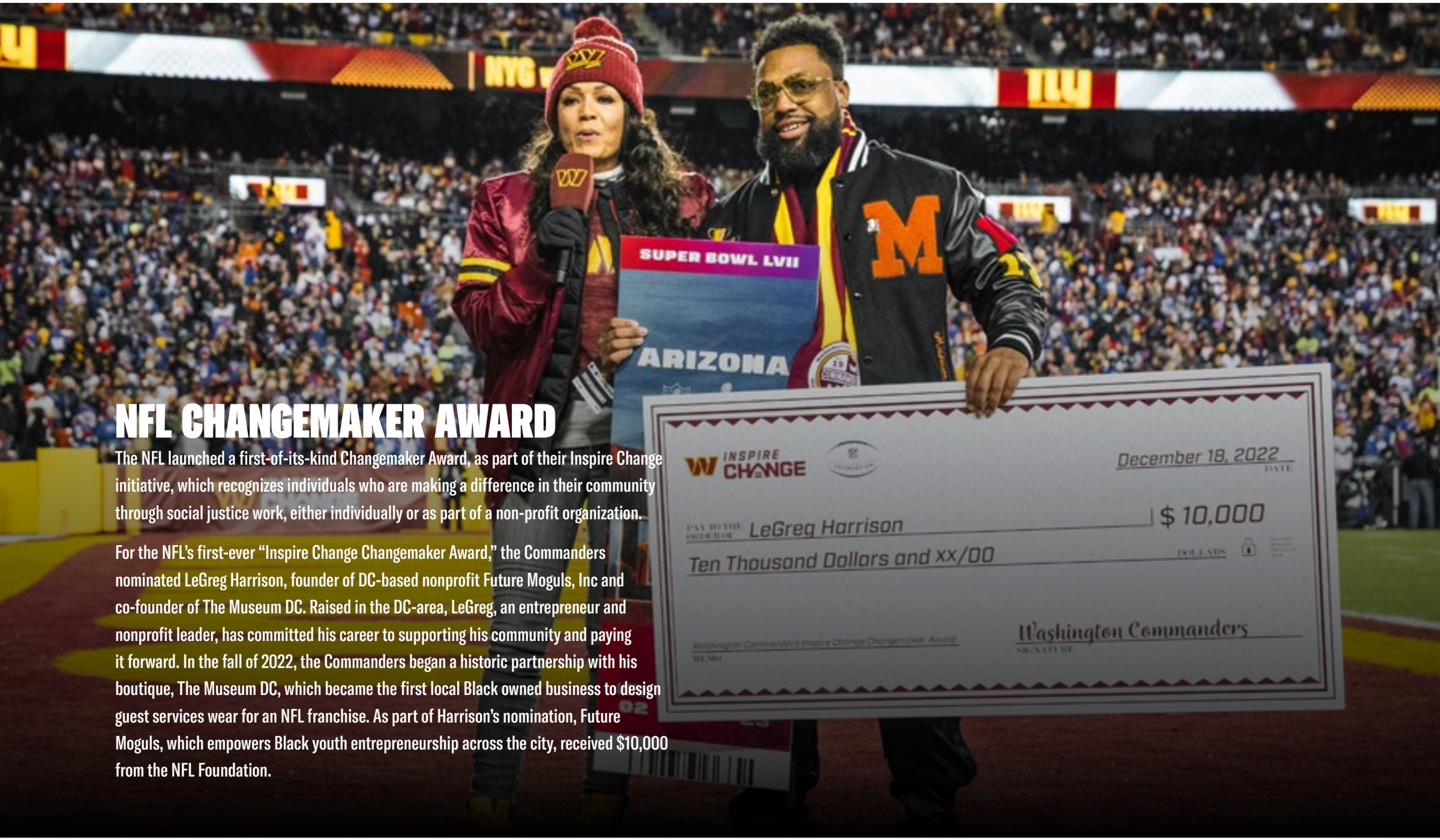
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Throughout June, the Commanders locked arms with other Washington, D.C.-based sports teams, pledging a combined donation of more than $100,000 to Everytown for Gun Safety's Community Safety Fund that provides direct investment, peer convenings, and capacity building to community-based violence intervention programs. The Commanders pledged a $20,000 donation. Additionally, the Commanders' Rookie class wore orange shirts to recognize and draw attention to the day.

INSPIRE CHANGE-THEMED GAME

The NFL Inspire Change initiative showcases how NFL players, clubs, and the league are joining together to ensure that access to opportunity is a reality for all and to create progress in police-community relations, criminal justice reform, and education and economic advancement.

This season, the Commanders Inspire Change-themed game on Sunday, December 18th, focused on celebrating black entrepreneurs and artists. During the game, the Commanders Black Engagement Network (B.E.N.) hosted the second annual Shop Black Holiday Market, allowing fans the opportunity to shop with Black-owned stadium concessions and businesses. The market featured tasty local eats from Everything Legendary, Fireman's Café, Ella Rays Café, Seafood at the Shack, DMV Crab Rolls, Kitchen Cray, and Wing Me Ova. The game was also an opportunity to celebrate local Black artists. The Commanders "Command the Canvas" initiative invited several DMV-area Black artists, including Taron Butler, Julia Gray, and Summer Clickscale, to attend the game and create paintings based on the "Inspire Change" theme.



NFL CHANGEMAKER AWARD

The NFL launched a first-of-its-kind Changemaker Award, as part of their Inspire Change initiative, which recognizes individuals who are making a difference in their community through social justice work, either individually or as part of a non-profit organization.

For the NFL's first-ever "Inspire Change Changemaker Award," the Commanders nominated LeGreg Harrison, founder of DC-based nonprofit Future Moguls, Inc and co-founder of The Museum DC. Raised in the DC-area, LeGreg, an entrepreneur and nonprofit leader, has committed his career to supporting his community and paying it forward. In the fall of 2022, the Commanders began a historic partnership with his boutique, The Museum DC, which became the first local Black owned business to design guest services wear for an NFL franchise. As part of Harrison's nomination, Future Moguls, which empowers Black youth entrepreneurship across the city, received $10,000 from the NFL Foundation.

HBCU SALES SYMPOSIUM

Throughout the year, the Commanders collaborated with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to help identify and empower the next generation of Black business leaders. In November, HBCU students from Shaw University, Delaware State University, Bowie State University, Hampton University, Morgan State University, and Howard University were invited for a behind-the-scenes look into the ticket sales department for the Washington Commanders. Over the course of the day, students engaged in trainings from ticketing leadership, a networking event with the Black Engagement Network (B.E.N.), and a fireside chat with Team President Jason Wright. Several job offers to join the Inside Sales team were made on-the-spot to participating students.

PLAYER ENGAGEMENT

MY CAUSE, MY CLEATS

As part of the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats campaign, more than 75 Washington Commanders players and coaches created custom cleats and sneakers to raise awareness for initiatives and causes they are passionate about. The initiative gives players the opportunity to pick a cause that is important to them and represent their chosen organization on custom-designed cleats that are auctioned off for charity. This year, Commanders players represented causes including cancer and disease awareness and prevention, gun violence prevention, social justice, animal welfare, military support, and more. Commanders' My Cause, My Cleats were designed by renowned cleat designer Joe Castro of Undefined Arts in Los Angeles and a collaboration of local artists, including DMV area natives and long-time Commanders fans David Zambrano from Dez Customs and Mohammed Gafar from Kreative-customkicks. Proceeds from the My Cause, My Cleats live auction went to the charity of each participating player's choosing, totaling $41,000 raised for worthy nonprofits.

MY CAUSE, MY CLEATS PLAYERS & COACHES ORGANIZATIONS

Jonathan Allen – Sasha Bruce Youthwork
David Bada – Unicef SOS Kinderdorf
John Bates – Smile Train
William Bradley-King – BREM Foundation
Dyami Brown – The Elephant in The Room
Camaron Cheeseman – BREM Foundation
Samuel Cosmi – Autism Speaks
Kamren Curl – National Museum of African American History & Culture
Jamin Davis – National Museum of African American History & Culture
Jahan Dotson – American Cancer Society
Milo Eifler – Autoimmune Association
Corn Elder – City Year
Alex Erickson – Hodan Community Services
Darrick Forrest – Everytown Community Safety Fund
Kendall Fuller – American Heart Foundation/Childrens Heart Foundation
Antonio Gibson – BREM Foundation
De'Jon "Scoota" Harris – Everytown Community Safety Fund
Taylor Heinicke – Children of the Fallen Patriots
Cole Holcomb – The Thumbs Up Mission
Christian Holmes – Communities in Schools of Atlanta (CIS)
Sam Howell – Table NC
Danny Johnson – BREM Foundation
Tyler Larsen – TACA (The Autism Community in Action)
Charles Leno Jr. – Beyond the Entertainer
Cornelius Lucas – Convoy of Hope
Phidarian Mathis – BREM Foundation
David Mayo – Patt Tillman Foundation
Kyric McGowan – BREM Foundation
J.D. McKissic – Arthritis Foundation
Terry McLaurin – The Terry McLaurin Foundation
Andrew Norwell – American Cancer Society
Efe Obada – M.I.N.D
Jaret Patterson – The Parkinsons Foundation
Chris Paul – National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Daron Payne – Alabama Kidney Foundation
John Ridgeway – Friends of Homeless Animals
Brian Robinson Jr. – Everytown Community Safety Fund
Armani Rogers – BREM Foundation
Chase Roullier – HogFarmers Charitable Foundation
Curtis Samuel – STOMP Out Bullying

Wes Schweitzer – 19 for life
Cam Sims – BREM Foundation
Joey Slye – SlyeStrong#6 Foundation
James Smith-Williams – Purple Leash Project - Purina
Montez Sweat – 100 Black Men - ATL
Logan Thomas – Tiny Miracles Foundation
Shaka Toney – Boys & Girls Club of Philadelphia
Casey Toohill – Matters Athletic
Cole Turner – North Clackamas Education Foundation
Trai Turner – American Mental Health Foundation
Tress Way – Rob's Ranch (Oklahoma)
Daniel Wise – Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas
Chase Young – Cuddly (Animal Rescue)

Juan Castillo – National Museum of the American Latino
Natalia Dorantes – MANA , a National Latina Organization
Cristian Garcia – Mother's Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.)
Chris Harris – American Liver Foundation
Randy Jordan – BREM Foundation
Ryan Kerrigan – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Jennifer King – Mamba & Mambacita Sports Foundation
Martin Mayhew – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington
Tyrae Reid – Alzheimer's Association
Ron Rivera – St. Jude Proton Therapy Center
Ron Rivera – Warrior Rising
Vincent Rivera – Malala Fund
Steve Russ – Folds of Honor
Mrs. Tanya Snyder – American Cancer Society
Drew Terrell – American Cancer Society
Scott Turner – Autism Speaks
Travelle Wharton – Diabetes Research Institute Foundation
Doug Williams – Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation
Jason Wright – Headstrong Foundation
Ken Zampese – FOHA - Friends of Homeless Animals
Jeff Zgnonia – Skip Viragh Center for Pancreatic Cancer | Johns Hopkins

"In life I believe you are not defined by what you accomplish, but by what you do for others," said Charles.

"Sometimes I try to think, 'Charles, are you a football player or are you just someone who plays football?' I just play football. Because one day I won't be a football player anymore. I'll just be someone who played football. So, what do I want people to remember me for other than being a football player?"

WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE: CHARLES LENO JR.

Charles Leno, Jr. was the Commanders nominee for the 2022 Walter Payton NFL Man of The Year Award. Charles has consistently demonstrated a commitment to community and philanthropic efforts and models a lifestyle of giving back ever since arriving in the DMV in 2021. In 2020, he and his wife Jennifer founded Beyond the Entertainer, a foundation focused on mentoring, empowering, and inspiring community members of all ages to pay it forward. Throughout his time in Washington, Charles has participated in several team charitable events, including the 14th annual All-Star Survivors Celebration and Rose Hill Elementary School in Washington, D.C, where he read to first graders and spoke about the importance of reading and education. Over Thanksgiving, Charles delivered Thanksgiving meals to seniors in need, volunteered at Medium Rare DC, and made a gracious donation of $5,000 to Feed the Fridge.

ROOKIE COMMUNITY CLUB

During the offseason, the Commanders launched the Rookie Community Club initiative, a platform to introduce the Washington Commanders' 2022 rookie class to the DMV community and the partners that are an integral part of the franchise. With support and engagement from Head Coach Ron Rivera, the 2022 Rookie Community Club activities included the B.R.A.K.E.S Safe Driving Event, Capital Area Food Bank Packing Event, and a Big Bus Tour of Washington, D.C.

The Washington Commanders rookie class teamed up with Capital Area Food Bank to package 585 boxes that would each feed a family of four for three to four days.

The Washington Commanders partnered with B.R.A.K.E.S. (Be Responsible and Keep Everyone Safe), a national teen driving program, to host no-cost safe driving lessons at FedExField for over 200 teenagers ages 15-20. Around two dozen Washington Commanders players participated in the class. The course included designated areas forcing drivers to react to various situations, such as maneuvering at high speeds, avoiding cones, and maintaining control of the vehicle under duress.

TERRY McLAURIN FOUNDATION LAUNCH

Launched during the 2022 NFL Season, The Terry McLaurin Foundation aims to help disadvantaged children become the best version of themselves by providing them access to educational and social support. To launch his foundation, Terry hosted a birthday party after the team's home opener in September for children from CASA of DC and Big Brothers Big Sisters National Capital Area chapter. The birthday party held at FedExField included dinner, games, DJ, bounce house, tours of the Commanders locker room, and special gifts. Additional events included a turkey pick up during the holiday season for families in need, as well as a private Holiday shopping spree for children at the local Target in Washington, D.C., where Terry provided gift cards for the children to purchase gifts for themselves and families.

CHARLES LENO JR. ANNUAL LENO CLAUS EVENTS

Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee Charles Leno Jr. rang in the holiday season by paying it forward for Arlington, VA children and families. In partnership with Bridge to Independence, a Virginia-based non-profit providing community housing assistance, Charles co-hosted a holiday event to give presents and autographed items to children.

Building on the third annual Leno Claus, Charles Leno Jr. and his wife Jennifer invited five athletes from the Special Olympics to OrthoVirginia Training Center at Commanders Park for a one-of-a-kind experience to meet and interview either a player, coach, or trainer. Throughout the event, attendees heard from Charles and his wife Jennifer about their nonprofit, Beyond the Entertainer, ran drills with Assistant Running Backs Coach Jennifer King, and discussed strength and nutrition with Commanders trainers. Each attendee was given a special gift bag provided by the Leno family with items donated by the Commanders.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

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NIKE KICKOFF CLASSIC

On August 26th, the Commanders hosted a girls flag football practice and scrimmage in partnership with Richmond Public Schools at Armstrong High School in Richmond, VA. The event was part of the Inaugural Nike Kickoff Classic in collaboration with Nike, the NFL, and NFL's Play Football Initiative with participants composed of high school and middle school girls. Commanders Head Coach Ron Rivera and Commanders Players Jonathan Allen, Kendall Fuller, J.D. McKissic, Terry McLaurin, Logan Thomas and Carson Wentz were also in attendance and participated in the practice and scrimmage. On behalf of The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, Richmond Public Schools received a $10,000 donation, Armstrong High School received a $5,000 donation, and Thomas Jefferson High School received a $5,000

NFL PLAY FOOTBALL HALFTIME SCRIMMAGE

During the Commanders home Play Football-themed preseason game on August 13th, the team invited the 14U Virginia Hurricanes girls flag football team to scrimmage at halftime on the field. The Virginia Hurricanes club includes travel teams for girls ages 8 through 15 and has won four NFL FLAG national championship titles in the last few years.

NFL HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

The High School Coach of the Week Program is an NFL initiative that aims to highlight local high school football coaches who consistently demonstrate a dedication to their programs, their players' health and safety, and making a difference in their community. Each coach chosen throughout the high school football season received a $1,000 donation from The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation to their football program and were honored in-game with an on-field moment.

During the Coach of the Week selection process, the committee considered how each nominee demonstrates the importance of player health and safety, which includes their philosophies on teaching the fundamentals of the game, proper tackling techniques, concussion management practices, and adherence to heat and hydration guidelines.

2022 WASHINGTON COMMANDERS HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE WEEK AWARD NOMINEES INCLUDED:

Week 1: Alan Hall, Arcadia High School, Oak Hall, VA

Week 2: Maurice Vaughn, Dunbar High School, Washington, DC

Week 3: James Ford, Culpeper County High School, Culpeper, VA

Week 4: Zach Barnisky, Freedom High School, Chantilly, VA

Week 5: Mark Shuman, Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, VA

Week 6: Larry Choates, John R. Lewis High School, Springfield, VA

2022 DON SHULA COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

This season, the Commanders nominated Coach Larry Choates for the 2022 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award. The league-wide award honors high school football coaches who display the integrity, achievement, and leadership qualities exemplified by the winningest coach in NFL History, Don Shula. The Commanders nominee, Coach Choates, has shown continued dedication to his students ensuring they have the resources, opportunities, and experiences necessary to be successful in high school and beyond. Since John R. Lewis is the smallest high school in the county, Coach Choates fundraises tirelessly to ensure that his team has proper funding. As a nominee, Coach Choates received a $1,000 personal award and an additional $1,000 for his high school football program.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE AT FEDEXFIELD

During the 2022 season home games, The Foundation invited local high school football teams to participate in a unique gameday experience. These student-athletes received club level tickets to the game, Commanders' swag, and access to the visitor's tunnel during pregame warm-ups to high-five NFL Players visiting FedExField.

SCHOOLS WHO PARTICIPATED:

- Oxon Hill High School, Prince George's County, MD
- Frederick Douglass High School, Prince George's County, MD
- Charles Herbert Flower High School, Prince George's County, MD
- Northwestern High School, Prince George's County, MD
- Bishop McNamera High School, Prince George's County, MD
- Quince Orchard High School, Montgomery County, MD
- Jackson-Reed High School, Washington, DC

NFL FLAG WASHINGTON COMMANDERS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

NFL FLAG serves youth ages 4 to 17, giving boys and girls of all abilities a chance to develop their fundamental football skills in a positive, inclusive environment.

On November 20th, the Commanders hosted the 2022 NFL FLAG Regional Tournament Series presented by Subway at The Fields at RFK Campus in Northeast DC. Over the course of the day, sixty-five youth flag football teams from seven different states played for a shot to compete in the 2023 NFL FLAG Championships at the Pro Bowls games in Las Vegas. The tournament series offered athletes additional opportunities to compete by including age divisions ranging from 8u to 17u, recreational divisions, and expanded opportunities for girls flag teams. All athletes were gifted a Commanders jersey, official flag belts, and championship rings. Additionally, Washington Legends Rocky McIntosh and Fred David joined The Foundation in distributing nearly 1,000 tickets to all teams at the tournament for the Atlanta Falcons vs. Washington Commanders game on November 27th.

The teams that advanced to the NFL FLAG Championships at the Pro Bowl Games included the 8U - Springfield Youth Club, 8U - Rec Avengers, 10U - Lower Makefield Falcons, 10U - Rec DC Heat, 12U - Virginia Xtreme, 12U - Rec Pittsburgh Elite, 14U - Jersey Travel Flag, 10U girls - NY Playmakers, 12U girls - Athena Athletics, 14U girls - The Home Team, 17U girls - LFFL 507 Devils.

NFL FLAG CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE PRO BOWL GAMES

From February 3 through February 5, the NFL hosted the largest-to-date NFL FLAG Championship tournament during the 2023 Pro Bowl games. Over 200 teams with more than 2,100 players ranging from 8-17 years old competed for the Championship title in their respective age divisions.

The 11 divisional winners of the NFL FLAG Commanders Regional Tournament hosted at RFK Stadium advanced to the NFL FLAG Championships at the Pro Bowl Games. The Commanders supported each of these 11 teams by providing $1,000 grants for travel to Las Vegas, Nevada.

As part of the Pro Bowl celebrations, the Commanders hosted a dinner for the 11 teams (250 players and their families) that included a meet-and-greet with Commanders player Jeremy Reaves, Major Tuddy, and the other flag teams. Reaves also made special appearances at the NFL FLAG tournament at Heritage Park on Friday and the 17U girls LFFL 507 Devils championship game at Allegiant Stadium on Sunday morning. The LFFL 507 Devils stomped the competition and claimed the 17U girls bracket championship after defeating the Las Vegas Raiders' Apex Predators in an 8-0 victory. Hailing from Panama and led by Head Coach Jack Reed, the Devils have been ambassadors for the expansion of girl's flag football internationally.

OTHER PROGRAMMING

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CONCRETE MIX

ROCKETSHIP LEGACY PREP GARDEN BUILD DURING ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND

During Alumni Homecoming Weekend on October 22nd, the Commanders teamed up with OutTeach, a nonprofit dedicated to building learning labs in low-income communities, to create a vibrant outdoor garden learning space for the students of Rocketship Legacy Prep elementary school in Southeast, D.C. Students will now enjoy the chance to connect their STEM and language arts education to the real world with rainwater harvesters, composting bins, vegetable beds, earth science stations and animal habitations, in addition to covered seating areas and other school supplies. Washington Legends and volunteers moved 5.1 tons of soil, 664 grasses, shrubs, and perennials were planted in the Outdoor Learning Lab.

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL THROUGH THE JUST KEEP LIVIN FOUNDATION

For the 2022 season, The Foundation teamed up with The Just Keep Livin Foundation founded by Camila and Matthew McConaughey to adopt Roosevelt Hight School, a Ward 4 high school in Washington, D.C. The Commanders are a longtime supporter of the Just Keep Livin Foundation. This season Roosevelt High School students visited Capitol Hill and met with Senator Corey Booker lobbying for additional funding for afterschool programming, mental health services, and gun safety legislation in schools.

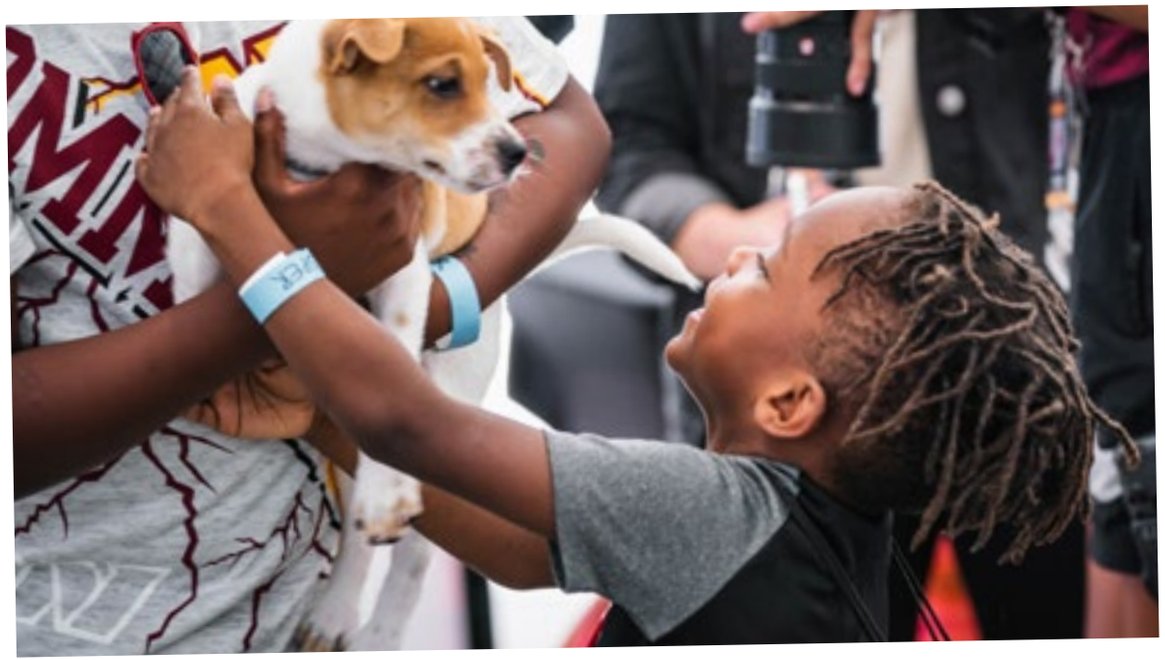
MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION AND DREAM ON 3 EVENTS

During 2022 training camp, the Commanders hosted 11-year-old Josiah Desper, a cancer survivor and lifelong Commander's fan, and his family at the team's Training Camp Open Practice Event at FedExField. Chase Young, on behalf of the team, personally invited Josiah and his family to attend the Open Practice. After a personal introduction to Coach Rivera, Josiah joined the team during the Team Meeting. He remained with the team for the duration of practice where he had the opportunity to walk out with the team and run drills with the D-Line. Josiah also received a personalized Commanders jersey with his name and his favorite number 34.

The same month, Commanders hosted 5-year-old Sophie Manning to celebrate the end of her Leukemia treatments at training camp in Ashburn. Upon entering the training facility, Sophie was welcomed by a "Sophie Strong" sign. She met with the team and worked with the running backs throughout the practice. Additionally, Sophie received jerseys from Chase Roullier and Charles Leno Jr., her favorite players, signed by the whole team.

COMMUNITY SATURDAYS

Throughout the 2022 season, The Foundation hosted select nonprofit community groups located in the DMV during the team's Saturday walkthrough the day before each home game. Groups received a VIP experience, had the opportunity to watch practice, and received one-on-one time with Commanders players, coaches, and Washington Legends. Non-profits included Dream on 3, Make-a-Wish, TAPS, Fidos for Freedom, Just Keep Livin' Foundation, and youth receiving treatment through the St. Jude Proton Therapy Center.



PET ADOPTION EVENT AT FEDEXFIELD

On August 6th, the Commanders hosted a Pet Adoption Event located in the East End Zone on the concourse from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Approximately 30 dogs were up for adoption from the following area non-profit agencies specializing in pet adoption: Wolf Trap Animal Rescue, Homeward Trails Animal Rescue, and Friends of Homeless Animals. To conclude the Pet Adoption Event, The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation presented a check to the three animal rescue agencies in the amount of $15,000 total ($5,000 each).

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During the 2022 season, The Foundation's 50/50 Raffle offered fans an opportunity to enter to win a share of the jackpot while supporting programs and initiatives in our community. Raffle tickets were sold through the third quarter of every home game both in-person at FedExField and online, with 50% of the jackpot going towards one lucky winner and 50% returning to the community through the Foundation's efforts. The Commanders raised a total jackpot of $140,480.

60TH ANNUAL WELCOME HOME LUNCHEON

To kick off the 2022 regular season, The Foundation hosted the 60th annual Welcome Home Luncheon at MGM National Harbor. The event raised money to support youth programs for underserved communities across the region and included a silent auction that offered special experiences like lunch with Coach Rivera and autographed team memorabilia.

WELCOME HOME
LUNCHEON

K9s FOR WARRIORS TEAM SERVICE DOG, MANDO

The Commanders had a new MVP for the 2022 Season, an English black Labrador retriever named Mando. Mando, whose name was chosen by Commanders players, made his debut at the team's season opener on September 11th against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Over the past year, Mando trained to become a service dog with K9s for Warriors, an organization providing highly trained service dogs to veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and/or military sexual trauma. From trips to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to visiting lawmakers on Capitol Hill, to gamedays, Mando delivered smiles to thousands throughout the year. After the season was over, Mando returned to the K9s for Warriors complex to complete rigorous training before being paired with a veteran.

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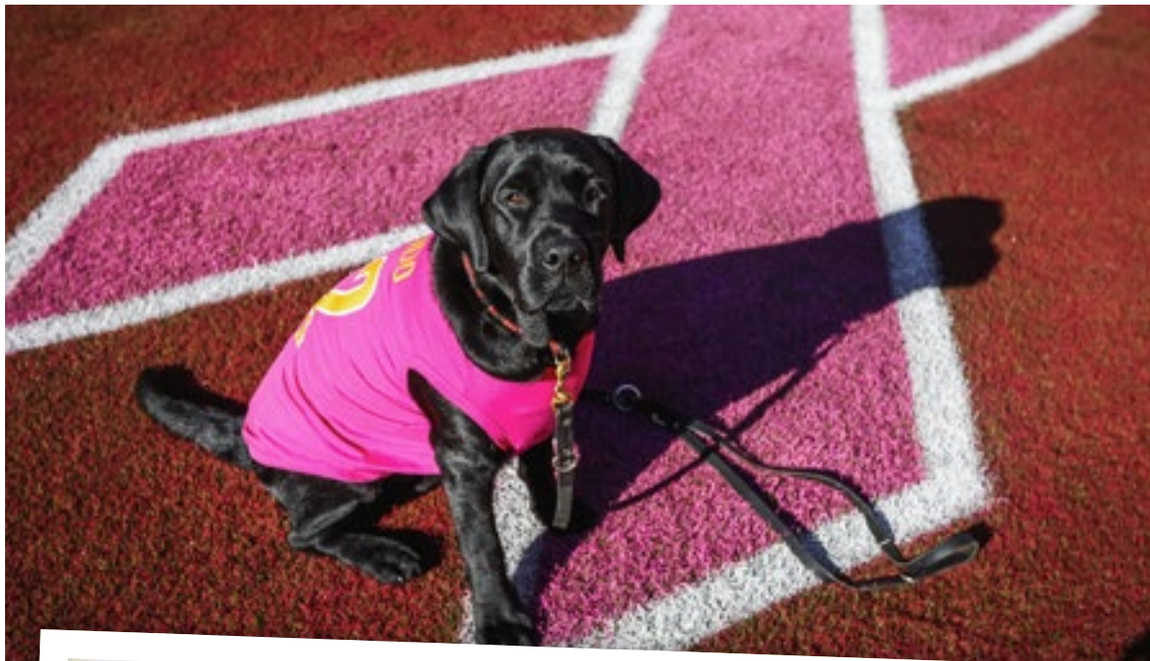

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The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation would like to give thanks to the many individuals who have made our work possible this past year, especially our donors, corporate sponsors and volunteers!

Thank you for your time, commitment, and continued support for the more than 65,000 children and families in our community we were able to impact in 2022.

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