



— 2023 —

COMMUNITY

IMPACT REPORT



2023 SEASON

In the 2023 season, the Washington Commanders continued to inspire, empower and invest in the next generation with a record high of 170 community moments around the DMV, including our tentpole moments and over 30 player appearances.

As a result, the Washington Commanders reached over 85,000 children and families through events, access to resources and just plain old celebrations.





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**FROM THE
2023 SEASON:**



\$950K

contributed to local and charitable programs
via WCCF grants



2000 CARE PACKAGES

assembled for troops in partnership with USO



300 HOPE KITS

created & assembled for women currently going
through breast cancer treatment in partnership
with National Breast Cancer Foundation and
VHC Health



\$143K

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



OVER 65,000 PEOPLE

helped by Commanders community events and program-
ming



100,000 LBS OF FOOD

and produce along with 50,000 lbs of turkeys given out
to impact over 10,000 individuals



OVER 10,000 CHILDREN

received toys for the holidays via the Toy Giveaway



8X YEAR-OVER-YEAR

increase in player events



170+ COMMUNITY EVENTS

throughout 2023

WASHINGTON  COMMANDERS

SEASON OF GIVING

The Season of Giving initiative spreads holiday happiness and strengthens bonds in our communities through give-back events that span from Thanksgiving through the end of December. This programming receives backing from the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation, Washington Commanders players and community allies and partners including the Toys for Tots Foundation, Amazon and United Airlines.





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WASHINGTON COMMANDERS
HARVEST & FEAST
PRESENTED BY CLARK CONSTRUCTION

BEVERAGE



HARVEST FEAST

The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation (WCCF) hosted the 21st annual Harvest Feast at SeatGeek Legends Plaza at Commanders Field, presented by Clark Construction. This WCCF signature event provided food for 2,500 Prince George's County residents, helping to ensure underserved families in our DMV community had a warm meal for Thanksgiving. This event was made possible by corporate, non-profit, and public sector sponsors: Bank of America, Capital Area Food Bank, FedEx, Paisano's Pizza, PepsiCo, the Prince George's County Department of Social Services (PGCDSS), and Safeway.

Safeway provided 2,500 families with a turkey; regional hunger relief organization Capital Area Food Bank contributed fresh produce and shelf-stable items; Bank of America provided reusable bags for produce; and PepsiCo supplied families with beverages. During the day's festivities, Commanders Limited Partner Mark Ein, Washington Legends, Command Force, and Lieutenant Governor of Maryland Aruna Miller helped distribute the Thanksgiving food baskets and beverages. Additionally, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation teamed up with FedEx to distribute meals to two historically Black colleges and universities in the area, Howard University and Bowie State University. Washington Legends helped spread Thanksgiving cheer by delivering meals to local churches and community centers in Maryland.

In total, 100,000 pounds of nutritious packaged food and fresh produce, and 50,000 pounds of turkeys were distributed at Commanders Field. 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

On December 16, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation hosted its 3rd annual Toy Giveaway, presented by United Airlines at the stadium. The event, in collaboration with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, distributed more than 2,000 toys and team gifts to local youth. Toys included LEGO sets, board games, dolls, hot wheels, karaoke machine, Bluetooth speakers, and more.

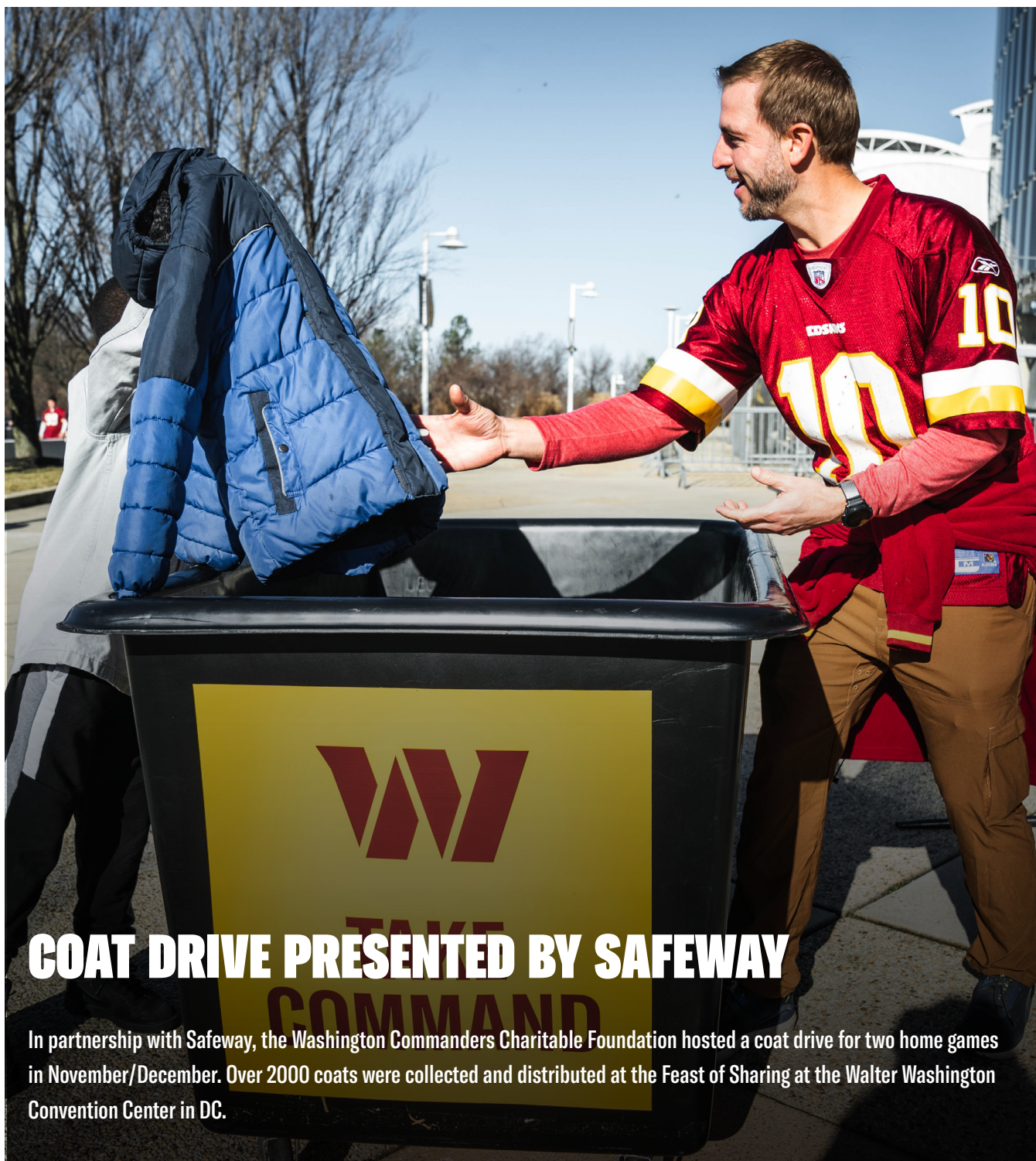




TOYS FOR TOTS WITH MARINE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve teamed up for the Toys for Tots toy drive benefiting children in the DMV during the team's Week 13 matchup. Pregame, the WCCF hosted its annual toy collection event benefiting youth in Prince George's County. More than 60 U.S. Marines from across the DMV were on-hand to help collect toys and monetary donations totaling over \$31,000. The 2023 holiday season marked the 76th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Since 2011, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation has raised nearly \$300,000 for the Toys for Tots initiative. All proceeds from the 50/50 raffle, presented by Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson's 501(c)(3) philanthropic arm, The G-Unity Foundation, went to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in connection to the Foundation's annual Toy Giveaway event. The total jackpot reached over \$78,000, with half going to one lucky winner and half to this community initiative.

On December 1, Jackie Taylor, daughter of the late Washington Legend Sean Taylor, and Washington Legends Fred Smoot, Chris Samuels, Rocky McIntosh and Brian Mitchell, joined Toys for Tots, uniformed Marines, and Prince George County Police Department personnel to assemble the toy warehouse in advance of this holiday season's toy distribution.



COAT DRIVE PRESENTED BY SAFEWAY

In partnership with Safeway, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation hosted a coat drive for two home games in November/December. Over 2000 coats were collected and distributed at the Feast of Sharing at the Walter Washington Convention Center in DC.



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HOPE MONTH

Inspired by a commitment to give back to communities grappling with the profound impact of cancer, the Washington Commanders Hope Month provides support, solace, and a beacon of hope to both individuals and families affected by the disease. Through a series of thoughtful engagements and charitable activities, the Washington Commanders, alongside their dedicated athletes and compassionate community partners, strive to uplift spirits, raise awareness, and extend practical assistance to those navigating the complexities of cancer. With a steadfast dedication to making a meaningful difference, the Washington Commanders Hope Month is a poignant testament to the power of solidarity and compassion in facing adversity.

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HOPE KIT



Dear sister,
I have been where you are. My
wish for your in your journey is
to feel supported, powerful and loved!
You are never alone in this journey.
I am sending positive vibes &
and thoughts your way! You got
this!

Kimberly Bo

- NBCF Volunteer

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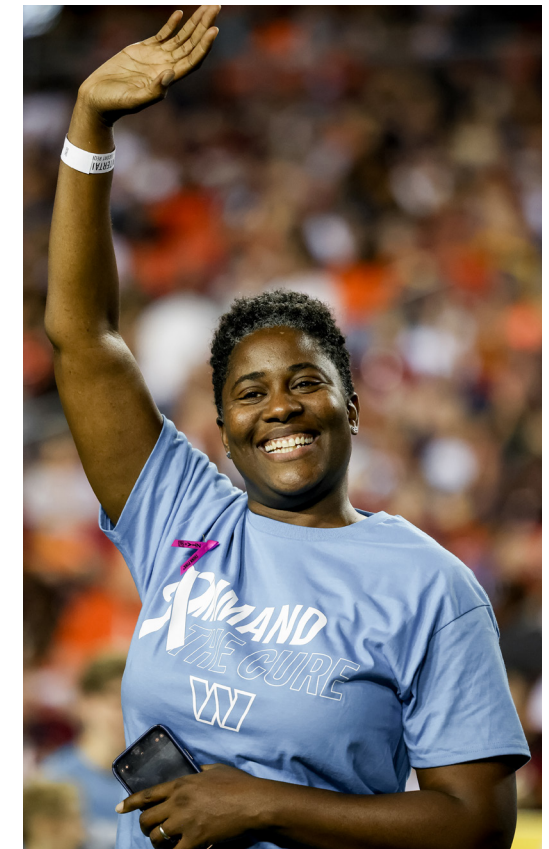


ANNUAL CRUCIAL CATCH-THEMED GAME

The Washington Commanders, as part of the NFL's Crucial Catch initiative, hosted activations dedicated to health equity. The WCCF and the Prostate Cancer Foundation were onsite pregame in SeatGeek Legends Plaza promoting early detection and ways to get screened in the DMV region. Zeta Tau Alpha volunteers distributed 30,000 pink ribbons to promote breast cancer awareness and prevention. In addition, fans received "I Fight For" cards to fill in the blank for those who are suffering from cancer. Limited-edition Crucial Catch scarves were distributed as a gate giveaway to the first 30,000 fans in attendance.

Prior to kickoff on the Amazon Prime pregame show and during the second quarter, the team recognized Nicholas, a 16-year-old boy who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in his left femur in 2022. In August 2023, Nicholas concluded his last chemotherapy treatment and was declared cancer free on September 20. Nicholas rang a bell on-field in front of thousands of fans, recognizing he is cancer free.

At halftime, 160 All-Star survivors, those currently undergoing treatment, and their caretakers were celebrated on-field representing all the colors from the NFL's Crucial Catch logo. Lavender: All Cancers; Pink: Breast Cancer; Teal: Cervical Cancer; Navy: Colon Cancer; White: Lung Cancer; Purple: Pancreatic Cancer; Yellow/Gold: Childhood/Pediatric Cancer; Blue: Prostate Cancer.



2023 ALL-STAR SURVIVORS

The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation expanded the All-Star Survivors this year to celebrate women, and men and children too! Sixty local All-Star Survivors whose lives have been affected by breast cancer, prostate cancer and pediatric cancer were treated to a VIP experience at the Crucial Catch-themed game, gifted swag bags from team partners and the Washington Commanders and had the opportunity to be part of the halftime show. The All-Star Survivors were selected in partnership with the American Cancer Society, Robert F. Smith Prostate Cancer Foundation and Hog Farmers Pediatric Foundation. All of these survivors had just completed treatment, just entered into remission or were currently battling cancer.



CHILDREN'S INN LODGE

On October 23, select Commanders players and Major Tuddy visited The Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an organization that provides free lodging to children and young adults who are receiving treatment. Commanders players visited the NIH Clinical Center's pediatric unit and joined the kids in football and fall-themed activities, including pumpkin carving and painting. Commanders players in attendance were Mason Brooks, Antonio Gibson, Efe Obada, James Smith-Williams and Casey Toohill.





HOPE KITS PACKING DAY

The WCCF hosted a Hope Kit Luncheon at DC Prime, presented by VHC Health, the team's Official Women's Health Partner. The 2023 women All-Star Survivors, significant others of Commanders coaches and players, Commanders staff and VHC staff packaged 300 Hope Kits for women going through treatment for breast cancer in the DMV area. The Hope Kits included a tumbler, socks, lotion, lip balm, inspirational bracelet, a Crucial Catch scarf and pink t-shirt and more. DE James Smith-Williams made a special appearance at the event and met with the All-Star Survivors.





WASHINGTON SALUTE

Washington Salute supports those who have courageously fought for our freedom and is an opportunity to thank our military for their continued selfless efforts to serve our country. A first of its kind in the NFL with year-round benefits, Washington Salute creates experiences for service members to connect with the team and with each other as part of the team's commitment to 365-day programming and support. Mission: Honoring, Empowering, & Connecting Service Members, Veterans, and their Families to the Largest Military Community in the Country. Setting a League- Wide Standard for Military Programs & Events Throughout the NFL.







COACH RON RIVERA RECEIVES USO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On March 23, United Service Organizations (USO) hosted their 41st Annual Awards Dinner, an evening to celebrate USO's mission of strengthening America's service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country. The non-military award of the night went to the Commanders' own Coach Ron Rivera, a longtime supporter of the USO. The USO Achievement Award is presented to a well-respected public figure who has demonstrated a deep commitment to our nation's military members while continuing to use their platform to spread awareness, serve others and embody the mission of the USO. During his remarks, Coach Rivera shared, "I grew up in a military household being the son of an Army officer, and I know firsthand the sacrifices that military families must make. I have always tried to use my platform to raise awareness for the great men and women of our military who sacrifice it all for our freedom. They are the true heroes of our country."



HEAD COACH RON RIVERA HONORED AT NATIONAL WWI MEMORIAL

Washington Commanders Head Coach Ron Rivera was honored at the World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C. after winning the 2022 NFL Salute to Service Award presented by USAA. During the event, “Taps”, a military bugle call played during patriotic military ceremonies conducted by the United States Armed Forces, sounded across the memorial on behalf of Coach Rivera’s father Eugenio Rivera, a 32-year warrant officer in the U.S. Army and Vietnam. The Salute to Service Award acknowledges exceptional efforts by members of the NFL Community to honor and support U.S. service members. Last season, Rivera helped spearhead efforts to support departing troops from Washington-Baltimore area, invited more than 250 troops to the team’s training camp and hosted families affiliated with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) at OrthoVirginia Training Center at Commanders Park.



WASHINGTON COMMANDERS PLAYERS, COMMAND FORCE VETERANS AND MAJOR TUDDY VISIT THE PENTAGON

In April, select Washington Commanders players, members of the Command Force and Major Tuddy took a tour of the Pentagon. Throughout the afternoon, participants had the chance to connect with senior military leadership and military guests at the Pentagon, sign autographs and distribute Commanders-branded Salute to Service pennants.





1ST HELICOPTER SQUADRON VISIT & ORIENTATION FLIGHT

In May, the Commanders joined the 1st Helicopter Squadron at Joint Base Andrews in Prince George's County, Maryland, for an orientation flight around the DMV. Assistant running backs coach Jennifer King and Commanders players Alex Akingbulu, Jamin Davis, DaMarcus Fields, Jake Fromm, Cornelius Lucas, Aaron Monteiro, Chris Paul and Keaton Sutherland enjoyed DMV sights including downtown D.C. and the Pentagon, as well as Commanders Field and the OrthoVirginia Training Center at Commanders Park. Ahead of the flight, the Commanders were given a tour of Joint Base Andrews and had the chance to fly a simulated helicopter in restricted D.C. airspace through a virtual reality simulator.



ROLLING REMEMBRANCE HONORED AT COMMANDERS FIELD

On May 18, Rolling Remembrance arrived at Commanders Field for its 59th stop in partnership with the Washington Commanders. First started by PepsiCo in 2015, Rolling Remembrance is a more than 3,000- mile-long relay of the American flag from Washington to New York to benefit the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation, which provides college scholarships and education counseling to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. The stop at Commanders Field featured a flag presentation followed by remarks from Washington Legend Rick "Doc" Walker, along with state and county officials. The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation presented a \$5,000 donation to the Rolling Remembrance team onsite.



SALUTE MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY AT TRAINING CAMP

The Commanders hosted more than 400 active-duty servicemembers and the US Naval Academy's sprint team for the annual Military Appreciation Day at training camp. Joining them was Lieutenant General James Hughes (ret.), a decorated veteran celebrating his 101st birthday with the team. Also in attendance were representatives and families from Operation Dream Maker, the Make-a-Wish Foundation's initiative for military children.



SOLDIERS TO SIDELINES WITH US ARMY RECRUITING

The Commanders hosted Soldiers to Sidelines for a youth speed and agility clinic with high school students from Friendship Collegiate Academy in Southeast D.C., presented by U.S. Army Recruiting Command (USAREC). Soldiers to Sidelines is a nonprofit that provides training for veterans looking to break into coaching, giving veterans a renewed sense of purpose and opportunity to serve their community.





TOUCHING BASE TOUR

In June, the Commanders began the Washington Salute Touching Base Tour, a six-stop series to local military bases as part of the team's 2023 Touching Base Tour. The program made stops at JB Myer/Henderson Hall, Main Base Quantico and Naval Support Activity Bethesda with scheduled visits to Fort Belvoir, Marine Barracks Washington 8th and Joint Base Andrews. Representing the Commanders throughout the tour were select Washington Legends, members of the Command Force, Major Tuddy, Washington Salute and team partner Black Rifle Coffee. At the visits, the team connected with service members and participated in handing out branded giveaways while meals were provided from the United Service Organizations (USO).



SALUTE TO SERVICE MONTH

Throughout the month of November, the Commanders and Washington Salute hosted a series of events in the DMV honoring, empowering and connecting our nation's veterans and active-duty military members. With the Commanders unique presence in the nation's capital, Washington Salute programming serves the largest community of military veterans in the country, building connections across the military community and the Commanders football family.







WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL VISIT

Commanders players, Major Tuddy, team dog Goldie and members of the Command Force traveled to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in October for a visit presented by USAA. Commanders players had the chance to meet with patients at a facility on the campus where amputees rehabilitate and learn how to live with new prosthetics and move from injury to independence.



WARRIOR PROJECT GAMING TOURNAMENT

On November 11 at Commanders Field, 140 wounded warriors from the Wounded Warrior Project participated in a gaming tournament held on the Joe Gibbs Club Level presented by Northwest Federal Credit Union. The winning participants received tickets to the Commanders Salute to Service-themed game and the entire group attended the team's Week 13 matchup against the Miami Dolphins.





TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS)

On November 18, ahead of the team's Week 11 Salute to Service-themed game, the team hosted four families at walkthrough representing Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), an organization providing comprehensive care and resources for those grieving the death of a loved one that served in the military. At practice, the families met Commanders players and coaches and were presented with personalized jerseys and autographed helmets. Commanders players honored the families by wearing helmet decals with each of the fallen family members initials on their helmets during the Salute to Service-themed game the following day.





USO PACK4TROOPS EVENT

On November 6, the Commanders and Washington Salute joined the United Service Organization (USO) and Black Rifle Coffee Company to assemble 2,000 care packages for outgoing military personnel in a Pack4Troops event at OrthoVirginia Training Center at Commanders Park. Players, coaches and their families as well as front office members and team partners participated in the event. The packages were delivered to local airport USO centers.

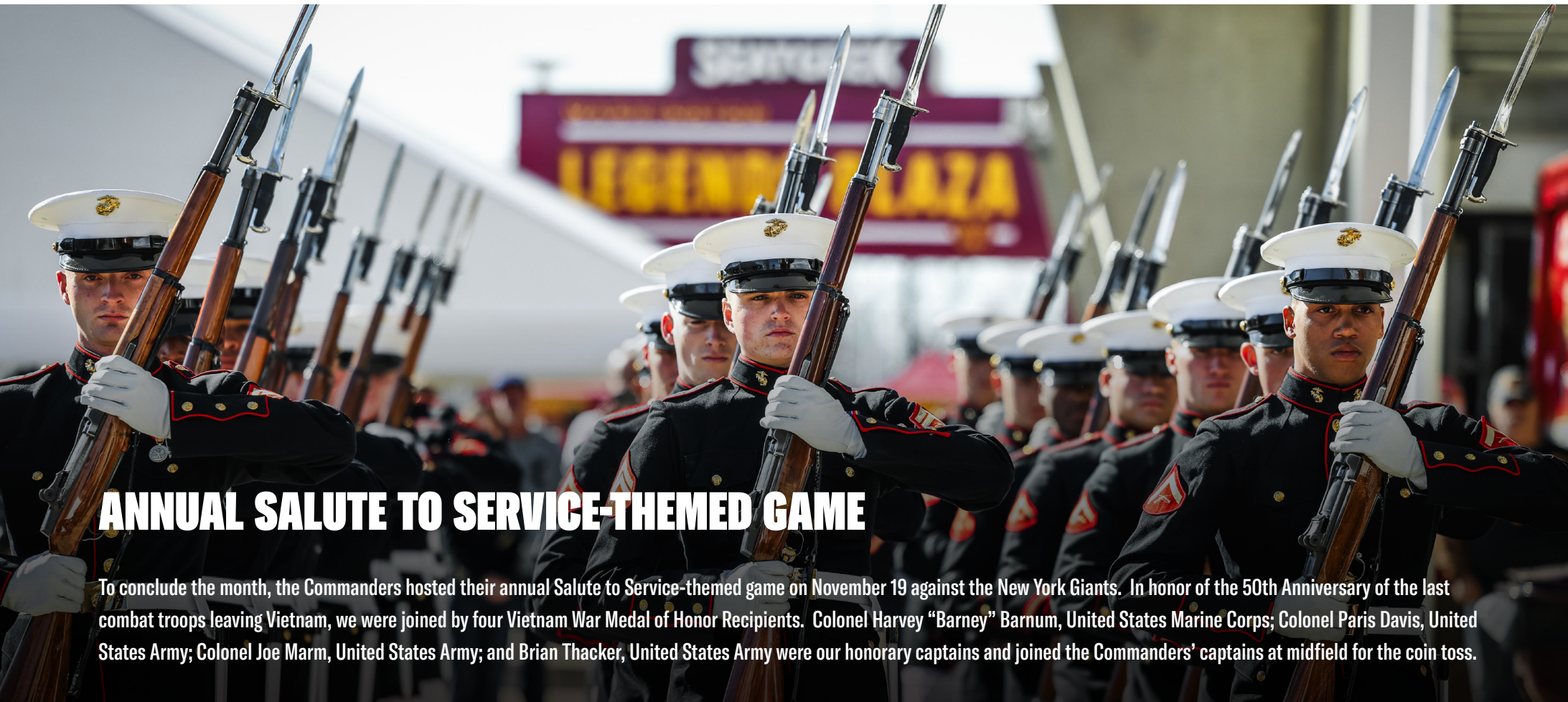




SALUTE TO SERVICE FLAG CLINIC

On November 17, the Commanders and Washington Salute hosted a Salute to Service youth football clinic at Fort Belvoir, presented by USAA. Approximately 200 kids ages 5-13 who lived on the base were coached through flag football drills and scrimmage games by Washington Legends Leonard Stephens and Santana Moss. Major Tuddy and members of the Command Force participated in the festivities and were available for meet and greets and photo opportunities.





ANNUAL SALUTE TO SERVICE-THEMED GAME

To conclude the month, the Commanders hosted their annual Salute to Service-themed game on November 19 against the New York Giants. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the last combat troops leaving Vietnam, we were joined by four Vietnam War Medal of Honor Recipients. Colonel Harvey “Barney” Barnum, United States Marine Corps; Colonel Paris Davis, United States Army; Colonel Joe Marm, United States Army; and Brian Thacker, United States Army were our honorary captains and joined the Commanders’ captains at midfield for the coin toss.





KIA AND OPERATION HOME FRONT

The Washington Commanders teamed up with Kia and Operation Homefront during the team's Salute to Service month to gift Maryland-based Marine Corps veterans Tiffany and Dwight McKinney a new gray 2024 Kia Telluride X-Pro SUV. The car giveaway was made possible through the Commanders partnership with Kia and Operation Homefront, a national nonprofit serving America's military families through relief and recurring support programs.

PARTNERSHIP WITH AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Washington Commanders announced a partnership deal with the U.S. Air Force that seeks to empower and promote a critical branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. As a valued partner of the Commanders, an Air National Guard patch was featured on the Commanders defensive players practice jerseys this season to help garner exposure for recruiting the next generation of Air Force talent. Additionally, as part of the partnership, the Air National Guard was the presenting partner for the United Service Organizations (USO) Club at Commanders Field. The USO Club at Commanders Field newly presented by the Air National Guard, draws over 500 service members and their guests at all Commanders home games each season.



EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INSPIRE CHANGE PROGRAMMING

During the 2023 season the Commanders Inspire Change programming served approximately 36,000 children and families and centered on advancing access to education, promoting youth health and wellness and preventing gun violence. This season, the Commanders gave \$195,000 in grants for social justice initiatives.

Inspire Change is the NFL's social justice initiative aimed at reducing barriers to opportunity, particularly in communities of color, and showcasing how the NFL family is working together to create positive change.







COMMANDERS READS

On September 26, the WCCF “Commanders Reads” program kicked off the 2023 season by hosting a free Scholastic Book Fair, thanks to the support of Amazon, for 300 students ranging from 1st to 5th grade at Savoy Elementary School in Washington, D.C. The Commanders Reads program, presented by Northwest Federal Credit Union, is an education-focused program developed to encourage learning and reading to students located in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Majorie Harris, Founding Partner of HRS Management and wife of Managing Partner Josh Harris; Team President Jason Wright; Washington Legends; and Major Tuddy were all in attendance. Each student also received a Commanders giveaway, an Amazon gift card, and eight books. Amazon donated \$25,000 to Scholastic and the Commanders Reads program.





SCHOOL SUPPLIES

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

The Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation hosted its 9th annual Back-to-School Fair on August 23 at the Armour J. Blackburn University Center on Howard University campus. This event serves over 1,500 children between the ages of six to eleven (1st to 5th grade). Participants received services including haircuts, new books, new school supplies and backpacks, and other essential items from partner organizations.

Since 2015, this event has provided more than 7,000 new backpacks, school supply kits and additional resources to students across the region. Participating organizations included Howard University, the Metropolitan Police Department, Heart of America, The Hair Cut Barber and United Way.







NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

The Commanders joined fellow DC professional sports teams including the Washington Capitals, Nationals, Mystics, Spirit, Wizards, D.C. United, DC Shadow and Capital City Go-Go to announce their renewed commitment to community safety as they wore orange on Gun Violence Awareness weekend. As part of the 2023 campaign, the teams pledged an initial donation of \$100,000 to local nonprofit Peace for D.C. The organization serves as a connector between those leading violence prevention work across the city and government agencies and philanthropies. Throughout the week's OTA practices, Commanders donned orange shirts emblazoned with "END GUN VIOLENCE."

DIGITAL PIONEERS ACADEMY

The Washington Commanders announced a \$75,000 donation to Digital Pioneers Academy to assist in the launch of its first-ever football program. Commanders President Jason Wright, Commanders players Saahdiq Charles, Kam Curl, Jaret Patterson and Darrick Forrest, Washington Legend Josh Morgan and Commanders Director of Alumni Relations Tim Hightower joined a student assembly on the Digital Pioneers Academy's last day of school. Commanders players and Washington Legends met with the student-athletes expected to participate in the school's inaugural football season in the fall, handed out cleats and discussed what football means to them and how the sport has impacted their lives.

Digital Pioneers Academy is a public charter school operating two campuses in the District of Columbia seeking fundraising support for the launch of its football program, expected to begin in the fall. The Commanders are proud to support this effort, particularly as the Digital Pioneers Academy community recovers from the recent loss of students and a teacher to gun violence.

This support builds on the Commanders' efforts to raise awareness about gun violence in the DMV and how increased access to opportunities and after-school activities can help keep kids safe.



WCCF DONATES SUPER BOWL LVIII TICKETS TO MEMBERS OF DIGITAL PIONEERS ACADEMY

On December 19, Commanders players Kam Curl, Darrick Forrest and Saahdiq Charles surprised three scholars and the head coach from Digital Pioneers Academy's (DPA) inaugural football team with a fully expensed trip and tickets to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. The students were each selected based upon their academic track record and commitment to the school's values and leadership.





MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE TOUR WITH EVERFI 360

In December, the Washington Commanders teamed up with league partner Everfi 360 to host a student trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. The museum tour was part of the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation's ongoing social justice initiatives for local youth and served students from HD Woodson High School and the Hustlers Guild. On the tour, students learned about African American history and culture, visited the sport's exhibit featuring Washington Legend Doug Williams and Minority Partner Earvin "Magic" Johnson, and had the opportunity to hear Washington Legends Josh Morgan and Josh Wilson speak about what Inspire Change means to them.

HUSTLERS GUILD HOSTED SEASON LONG SKILLS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

In partnership with Hustlers Guild, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation hosted a skill training workshop for more than 65 local middle school students from DC Wards 5-8 schools. The three-hour long event reinforced the importance of health and wellness and helped equip students with internal tools to succeed in and outside the classroom. Students also had the opportunity to hear from Washington Legends and Hustlers Guild executives who have walked in their shoes.

The workshop was part one of a five-part summer series in partnership with Hustlers Guild, which focused on pertinent social justice initiatives. Additionally, Hustlers Guild was honored for its work during the team's Inspire Change- themed game in December.





G-UNITY AWARD DINNER

On December 29, the Washington Commanders, in collaboration with the G-Unity Foundation, recognized eight Trailblazer Award winners at a special dinner at DC Prime. All eight outstanding community leaders were selected for their dedication to making a positive impact across the four league-wide focus areas of social justice: Education, Economic Advancement, Community-Police Relations and Criminal Justice reform. BJ Paige was selected as this year's winner and received a \$5,000 donation from the G-Unity Foundation to further support his cause. Paige has been actively involved in various civic-based programs, including feeding the underserved, assisting returning citizens in transitioning back to their local communities, working with Youth Advocate Programs (YAP), serving as NAACP Youth Council Advisor for the Prince George's County Branch, and founding a program for at-risk youth "Boys 2 Bowties." Award recipients were selected by Commanders fans through online voting that took place throughout the month of December.



CAPITAL CROSSOVER WITH THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS

During the team's Thursday Night Football game, the Commanders welcomed several Washington Nationals players and manager Dave Martinez for a VIP gameday experience. Additionally, the WCCF donated \$10K to the Washington Nationals Philanthropies' signature program, the Nationals Youth Baseball Academy. The Nationals Youth Baseball Academy players had the opportunity to watch pregame warmups on the field. During a game break, fans enjoyed a special version of the classic Nationals "Presidents' Race" with Nationals mascots and Major Tuddy. Nationals' alum Ryan Zimmerman served as the Honorary Captain alongside Charles Mann as the Legend of the Game.





NFL CHANGEMAKER AWARD

As part of the NFL's 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, the league created its Changemaker Award back in 2022. This year, the Commanders were happy to announce Tony Lewis Jr. as the club's nominee.

Tony has dedicated himself to becoming a community leader, assisting former prisoners with their re-entry into the world, and being an advocate for children with incarcerated parents. Lewis Jr. became a part of this work because his story originated with that need. Lewis Jr. had a father who was put in prison when he was 9 years old and was released 30 years later. He has fought relentlessly over the past 21 years to uplift and empower men, women, and children impacted by mass incarceration.

Tony is also involved with the DC Reengagement Center as an advocate for reaching out to the youth and giving them a second chance at an education. The work of this organization focuses on supporting the youth (ages 16-24) who have dropped out but wish to attain a high school diploma or GED. His dedication to the community has led to him winning many awards including the Steve Harvey/Ford Motor Company "Best Community Leader" award and the Presidential Call to Service award.

PEPSI/JUNETEENTH EVENT

The Washington Commanders, in partnership with Pepsi, hosted a Father's Day event at the Wharf to commemorate Juneteenth. With the participation of over 3,000 families, attendees had the chance to enjoy live music, games, and food offerings from black-owned businesses in the Washington DC area. Washington Legends joined in, interacting with guests through Commanders Play60 obstacle courses and a meet-and-greet session.



HISPANIC HERITAGE YOUTH AWARDS

Washington Commanders nominated two youth football players from the DMV for the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards, including a girls flag player from Banneker HS in D.C., and a boys tackle player from Mt. Vernon High School in Alexandria, VA.



To honor this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, the Washington Commanders collaborated with Blessings in a Backpack to prepare 1,000 care packages for local families to alleviate food insecurity. Blessings in a Backpack is a nonprofit organization that feeds school children in the United States who are currently fed on the federally funded Free and Reduced Meal Program during the week and are at risk of going hungry on the weekends. Blessings in a Backpack provided branded notecards, 1,000 food packs and 1,000 bags for the care packages, which also included cooking supplies. Washington Legends Josh Morgan, Josh Wilson and Rocky McIntosh attended along with members of the Command Force.





EARVIN “MAGIC” JOHNSON & BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER WASHINGTON

In September, The WCCF organized a special after-school event at the Boys and Girls Club Washington, in partnership with Earvin “Magic” Johnson and Everfi. Some 200 D.C. public school students ranging from 7th to 12th grade had the opportunity to hear from Johnson, Washington Legends and participated in a raffle where he surprised students with Commanders jerseys with his name and number on the back and gave out a few grand prizes. One student received a suite for his/her family for the home opener, one student received \$1,000 and the grand prize was given to one student who received \$5,000. To conclude the event, the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation donated \$50,000 to the Boys and Girls Club Washington, D.C., to help mentor the next generation of leaders in the DMV. All 200 students received a Commanders hat.



YOUTH FOOTBALL







LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

WCCF gave \$35,000 to LPF to place seven Commanders branded collection bins in the DMV community. Donated sports equipment is then redistributed to children who need it most.



COMMANDERS HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

The High School Coach of the Week Program is a season-long 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. The winning coaches are selected by a panel of Washington Legends and Commanders staff, and each coach receives a \$1,000 donation for their football program from the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation.

2023 “COACH OF THE WEEK” AWARD RECIPIENTS

Week 1: Coach Dameon Powell
Charles Herbert Flowers High School

Week 2: Coach Brad Lutz
William Byrd High School

Week 3: Coach James May
Page County High School

Week 4: Coach Akiel Russell
Springbrook High School

Week 5: Coach Jack Baker
Nelson County High School

Week 6: Coach Ray Norcross
Riverheads High School

Week 7: Coach Ian Hale
Suitland High School

Week 8: Coach Mark Teague
Manassas Park High School

Week 9: Coach Scott Turner
Turner Ashby High School

Week 10: Coach Daniel Tyson
Bell Multicultural High School



2023 DON SHULA NFL HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Washington Commanders announced William Byrd High School's Head Coach, Brad Lutz as the team's nominee for the 2023 Don Shula High School Coach of the Year Award.

Coach Lutz has been the head coach of the football program for the past five years, where he led the Terriers to a 12-1 record in 2023 and oversaw a district championship and the first regional championship in school history. Coach Lutz has a deep respect for the values of the military, which are incorporated into the football program. Several coaches are veterans, and the team operates an accountability system modeled after a platoon in the military.

Coach Lutz has brought a soldier tribute's tradition to each program he has worked with in his tenure as a football coach. In September 2004, Coach Lutz lost one of his close friends and high school teammate who was killed by an IED while serving in Iraq. He continues to share the story of his friend's commitment to his teammates on the field and his sacrifice to his country. Understanding the loss that a local community faces in these instances, Coach Lutz learned that the William Byrd community had also lost a football alumnus in combat. This tradition, which emphasizes sacrifice and comradery, contributes to how Coach Lutz builds a strong foundation that includes selfless service and respect within the football program.

Off the field, Coach Lutz is a special education teacher and works with many students with physical and/or learning disabilities. Many of his students love sports but have physical limitations preventing them from competitive play. As a result, he encourages these students to join the program as student managers, providing them with an opportunity to be a part of the team and experience.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE AT COMMANDERS FIELD

During the 2023 season, we invited a local youth football team to every home game for a VIP experience in our high-five tunnel. Recognizing the importance of youth football within the NFL, we aimed to inspire and engage the next generation of players. These teams had the opportunity to interact with players as they were getting ready to take the field. Each participant received meal vouchers for the game and watched the game together in our Community Corner.





COMMANDERS AND ORTHOVIRGINIA KICK OFF WEEKEND OF FLAG FOOTBALL

On Saturday, May 20th, the Commanders hosted the first-ever Flag Football Clinic with OrthoVirginia at the newly named OrthoVirginia Training Center at Commanders Park. Held in partnership with RCX Sports and Loudoun County NFL FLAG Football League, youth from the surrounding community descended on Ashburn for a day of fun, movement, and skills training. OrthoVirginia physicians, youth flag football players, Team President Jason Wright, Commanders coaches, Washington Legends, current players – including Pro Bowl Safety Jeremy Reaves and first-round draft pick Emmanuel Forbes – and members of the 2023 rookie class came together to teach important lessons on player health and football skills.

The clinic featured demonstrations on topics including injury prevention and proper warm-up routines, as well as skills and drills training with assistance from John R. Lewis High School's Varsity Football athletes.





NFL FLAG WASHINGTON COMMANDERS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

In July, NFL FLAG hosted the NFL FLAG All 32 Summer Invitational tournament at the Fields at RFK. The first-of-its-kind event featured 32 co-ed and 32 girls flag football teams, who competed in an NFL-style tournament, complete with wildcard rounds and playoffs.

The Commanders were represented in both age divisions, with the Aim High Assassins competing in the 14u boys division and the Virginia Hurricanes playing in the 17u girls bracket. Major Tuddy cheered on our local NFL FLAG teams as they sported Commanders jerseys all weekend.



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MY CAUSE MY CLEATS

In December, Washington Commanders' players and personnel debuted their custom cleats for the NFL's 2023 My Cause, My Cleats campaign. The league wide My Cause, My Cleats initiative enables all 32 clubs to support philanthropic organizations they're passionate about through specially designed cleats. This year, Commanders cleats were designed by Joe Castro, renowned artist and graphic designer who has worked with NFL players across four MCMC campaigns. Commanders' mascot Major Tuddy supported Operation Dream Maker with sneakers of his own, designed by Commanders 2023 Fan of the Year Monica Blakely.

MY CAUSE MY CLEATS CAUSES

Jonathan Allen - Sasha Bruce Youthwork
 Alex Armah - Austim Charlotte
 Cody Barton - Yellow For Life
 John Bates - Smile Train & Alex's Lemonade Stand
 Dyami Brown - Destiny Driven Heart Foundation
 Percy Butler - Everytown Community Safety Fund
 Saahdiq Charles - Greater New Orleans Foundation
 Camaron Cheeseman - APS Foundation of America
 Sam Cosmi - Austim Speaks
 Jamison Crowder - National Down Syndrome Society
 Kam Curl - National Museum of African American Museum
 Jamin Davis - Traffic Safety Education Foundation
 Jahan Dotson - American Cancer Society
 Emmanuel Forbes Jr. - American Cancer Society
 Darrick Forrest - Everytown Community Safety Fund
 Kendall Fuller - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 Nick Gate - Casa Las Vegas
 Antonio Gibson - American Cancer Society
 De'Jon "Scoota" Harris - DC Kidney Foundation & Reach
 Back Foundation
 K.J. Henry - Help Hope Live
 Curtis Hodges - Big Brothers Big Sisters
 Christian "Sip" Holmes - Communities in Schools of Atlanta
 Sam Howell - Table NC
 Khaleke Hudson - Everytown Community Safety Fund
 Danny Johnson - BREM Foundation
 Andre Jones Jr. - American Cancer Society
 Tyler Larsen - Pure Living Family
 Charles Leno Jr. - The Hogfarmers ; Beyond the Entertainer
 Cornelius Lucas - Son of a Saint
 Jartavius "Quan" Martin - Lupus Foundation of America
 Phidarian Mathis - American Cancer Society

David Mayo - Susan G. Komen Foundation
 Terry McLaurin - Terry McLaurin Foundation
 Efe Obada - M.I.N.D.
 Chris Paul - "Pow6rfulMinds (American Athletic Conference)"
 Daron Payne - Everytown Community Safety Fund
 John Ridgeway III - Friends of Homeless Animals
 Brian Robinson Jr. - Everytown Community Safety Fund
 Chris Rodriguez Jr. - Lupus Foundation of America
 Curtis Samuel - STOMP Out Bullying
 Trent Scott - STOMP Out Bullying
 Joey Slye - SlyeStrong #6 Foundation & Children's National
 James Smith-Williams - Set the Expectation
 Benjamin St. Juste - The Originale Foundation
 Logan Thomas - Children's Cancer Research Fund
 Mitchell Tinsley - American Cancer Society
 Casey Toohill - The Hog Farmers Foundation
 Cole Turner - Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation
 Tress Way - Compassion International
 Randy Jordan - BREM Foundation
 Ryan Kerrigan - Road Dogs & Rescue
 Jennifer King - Kay Yow Cancer Foundation
 Martin Mayhew - Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington DC
 Ron Rivera - Maui Strong Fund
 Vincent Rivera - Equality Now
 Steve Russ - Stop Solider Suicide
 Ken Zampese - Friends of Homeless Animals
 Jeff Zgonina - Skip Viragh Center at Johns Hopkins University
 Josh Harris - Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation
 Marjorie Harris - Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation
 Magic Johnson - Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington DC
 Mitch Rales - Scotland AME Zion Church
 Mark Ein - DC Public Education Fund





WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE: TERRY McLAURIN

The Commanders announced Pro Bowl wide receiver Terry McLaurin as the team's 2023 nominee for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year award – the league's most prestigious honor which recognizes an individual player who demonstrates a commitment to creating a lasting positive impact in their community. Since being drafted in 2019, McLaurin has continued to give back to the greater Washington community, launching the Terry McLaurin Foundation last fall. This initiative looks to help underserved children become the best versions of themselves by providing educational and social support, health and wellness assistance and mentorship. The Foundation also established the “Dream Catchers Fund” to help fulfill special requests for disadvantaged youth and keep them from feeling sidelined by not having items like prom dresses, art supplies or sports equipment. Through hosting annual birthday events, football camps, Thanksgiving meal distributions and much more, Terry continues to make a difference.



TERRY McLAURIN HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH

On September 12, Terry McLaurin hosted his second annual birthday celebration at Legends Plaza in partnership with the Safeway Foundation. Children from CASA of DC and Big Brothers Big Sisters National Capital area enjoyed dinner, games, a bounce house, DJ and special gifts. The evening concluded with cake, candles and guests singing “Happy Birthday” to Terry. The Terry McLaurin Foundation aims to help disadvantaged children become the best version of themselves by providing them access to education and social support.





McLAURIN HOSTS HOLIDAY EVENT AT CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CENTER LAB

On December 18, McLaurin hosted a holiday event with two Commanders Read schools, in partnership with Northwest Federal Credit Union, the Official Credit Union of the Washington Commanders. During the event, approximately 70 students participated in science experiments, met Terry and received Commanders' giveaways while visiting the Children's Science Center lab at the Northern Virginia Science Center. This event was tied to the generous donation made by McLaurin through the Terry McLaurin Foundation, which went toward purchasing school supplies for the teachers at the start of the 2023 school year.





TERRY'S TEAM: THE RYCHKID FOUNDATION

During the Week 17 Inspire Change-themed game, Commanders 2023 Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee Terry McLaurin surprised Dyanna Weston, the founder of The Rychkid Foundation, with Super Bowl LVIII tickets. At every Commanders home game last season, Terry gave four different guests from the Rychkid Foundation free tickets and an exclusive gameday experience that included a pregame meet and greet with McLaurin. The Rychkid Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides food support, trauma therapy, youth mentoring, youth sports, event decor and catering services to youth in the D.C. area.



ALAN PAGE COMMUNITY AWARD TOP 5 FINALIST: CHARLES LENO JR.

The Alan Page Community (APC) Award is the highest honor that the NFLPA can bestow upon a player. The award annually recognizes one union member who goes above and beyond to perform community service in his team city and/or hometown.

Charles Leno Jr. secured the distinction of Week 17 NFLPA Community MVP and APC Award finalist for a second consecutive season after hosting his latest Leno Claus initiative. For 25 days during the month of December, Leno's Beyond The Entertainer Foundation positively impacted more than 20 different nonprofits and causes, including donating 720 winter blankets for Chicagoans in need; hosted an all-girls youth football clinic; covering expenses for a family facing terminal illness to go on a retreat; purchasing 10 computers to help new mothers pursue their education; adopting 22 families in need while clearing their holiday wish lists, helping out with rent, assisting with daycare costs, buying groceries; gathering the O-Line to host a bowling event with the Boys & Girls Club of D.C. and much more. Leno and his wife, Jennifer, began this season's campaign by announcing the launch of Paitynn's Friends, which honors the daughter that they unexpectedly lost to miscarriage in October and will support those who have lost a sibling by providing care packages.



COMMANDERS ROOKIE COMMUNITY CLUB

Throughout the year, Washington Commanders' rookies got acquainted with their new team and city through the Commanders' Rookie Community Club. The program is designed to familiarize new players with the rich history and sights of their new hometown and creates opportunity to build community off the field.





D.C. BUS TOUR

In June, the rookie class participated in a citywide bus tour to get a first-hand look at the nation's capital. The players visited monuments throughout the district, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the National Mall and the Arlington National Cemetery. This year's bus tour was the eighth annual installment and is part of the Commanders' efforts to build community among the newest members of the team.





BUILD-A-BIKE

On June 16, the Washington Commanders rookies participated in a Build-a-Bike event with local elementary schoolers. The event was an opportunity for the 2023 rookie class to build community and connect with local youth in the process. Commanders' rookies split into four teams to complete various challenges and earn the parts they need to build their respective bikes. This included a question-and-answer session about the core values of the franchise and fun facts. At the end of the event and after a safety check, the players presented four elementary schoolers from Anne Beers Elementary School in Ward 7 with their first-ever bikes.





YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINICS

Last summer, select Commanders players hosted their own youth football camps. In June, defensive tackle Daron Payne held his second annual youth football camp at Shades Valley High School in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama. Youth from Birmingham and surrounding areas had the opportunity to learn football fundamentals from Daron, other NFL veterans and rising stars from the University of Alabama. Daron and the kids had a great time interacting and learning from each other, and once they moved inside, they shared a post-camp meal.

On June 16, running back Brian Robinson Jr. held his first football camp alongside two Alabama football players through NextGenCamps at his alma mater Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Brian helped the kids in running back drills and spoke to them about his journey to the NFL, the importance of school and the power of hard work. Brian took pictures with all the kids in attendance and signed autographs. “It was important to me to do my first camp in my own backyard to give back to the community that gave so much to me,” - Brian Robinson Jr.

On June 17, wide receiver Terry McLaurin held his first-ever football camp in Washington, D.C. Partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington and the District of Columbia State Athletic Association, McLaurin hosted nearly 200 kids between the ages of 7 and 14. McLaurin hosted the camp at the Edgewood Recreation Center, with support from the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation. McLaurin connected with the kids personally, and they all went home with a signed gameday photo.





COMMUNITY MONDAYS





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CASEY TOOHILL JOINS LIFE WITH CANCER TO DISTRIBUTE TOYS TO CHILDREN

Washington Commanders defensive end Casey Toohill hosted Toys for Kids at their family center in Fairfax County on November 27, in partnership with Life with Cancer. Casey spent time with children and teenagers impacted by cancer, handing out toys and signing autographs. Life with Cancer is Northern Virginia's leading nonprofit organization providing education and psychosocial support to all individuals impacted by cancer through evidence-based holistic care at no cost, no matter where treatment is received.

JAMES SMITH-WILLIAMS AND TERRELL BURGESS HOST SHOPPING EVENT AT CHILD'S PLAY STORE

On Monday, December 4, Washington Commanders defensive end James Smith-Williams and safety Terrell Burgess hosted an in-person shopping event at Child's Play Toy Store in Washington, D.C. to support the 4th Annual DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Holiday Toy and Gift Drive. In collaboration with Set the Expectation, an organization Smith-Williams is involved with, \$7,000 was raised for the event. DCCADV uplifts families impacted by domestic violence by providing gifts for the holidays donated from across the district.





DARON PAYNE & CHARLES LENO TEAM UP WITH CHARITY GROUPS TO PROVIDE HOLIDAY MEALS

Defensive tackle Daron Payne and Offensive tackle Charles Leno Jr. teamed up with GOODProjects and Beyond the Entertainer for a Thanksgiving turkey giveaway and provided each attendee with proper cookware.





CHRIS PAUL PRESENTS “PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD” TO LOCAL STUDENTS

On June 1, Commanders guard Chris Paul was the keynote speaker at the Leaders Institute's 2023 People's Choice Award and Certificate Ceremony in Bethesda, MD. The Leaders Institute (LI) is a nonprofit organization providing ethics-based leadership training to elementary, middle and high school D.C. area students. LI encourages students to engage in their schools and local communities, hosting leadership training courses that help students execute impactful charitable and service projects. Each year, the People's Choice Award and certificate ceremony is one of LI's signature events for local high school participants. Paul addressed this year's recipients in an intimate reception, highlighting his journey, offering words of encouragement and answering leadership-focused questions from the students before hosting the “People's Choice Award” segment of the program.

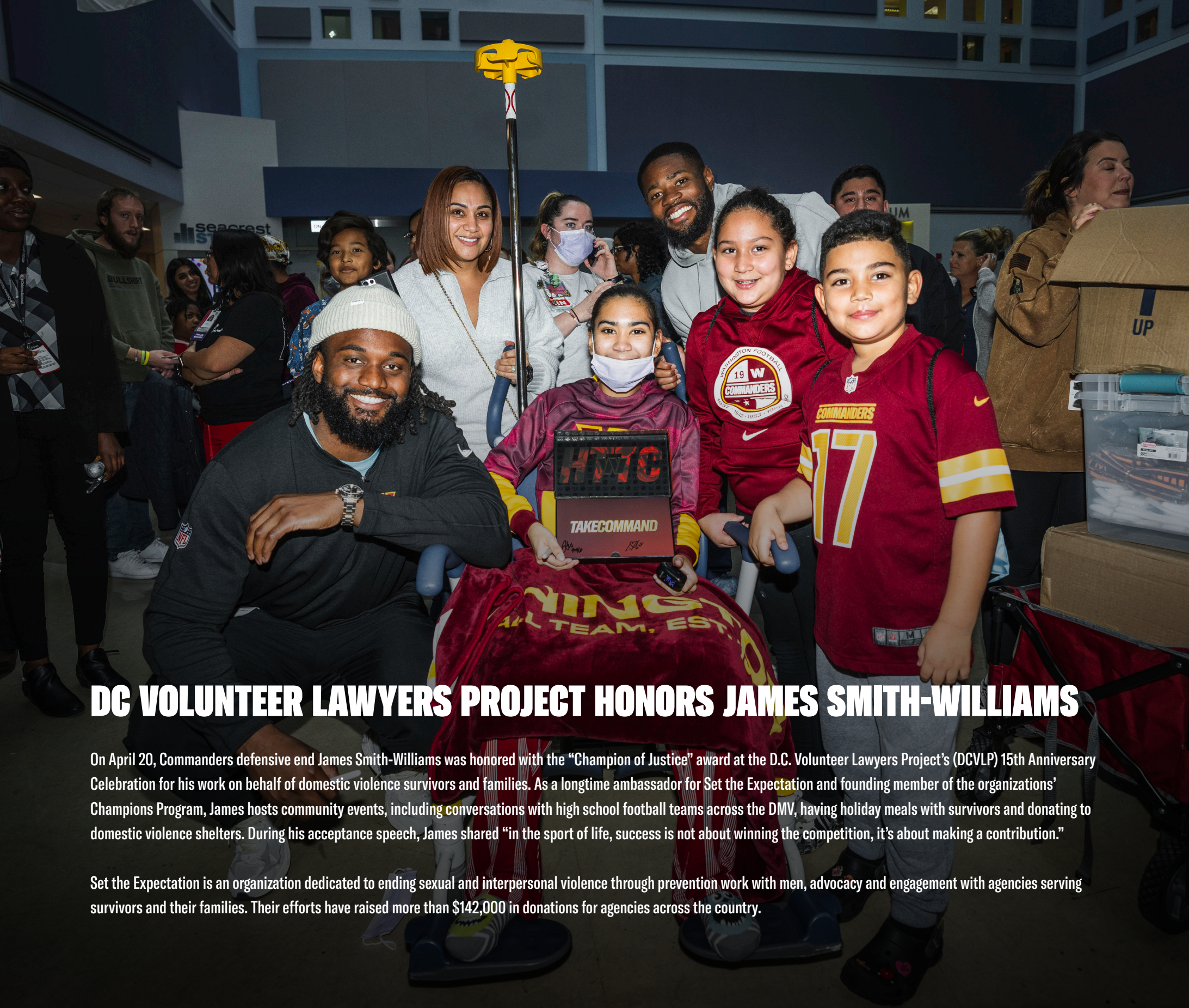


CORNELIUS LUCAS' FOUNDATION, CL3, HOSTS 20 LOCAL KIDS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE

On Monday, December 18, Commanders offensive tackle Cornelius Lucas, through his foundation CL3 Foundation, hosted 20 children from Prince George's County for a holiday shopping spree at Target in Upper Marlboro, MD. Additionally, Eastern's Automotive Group matched Cornelius' donation to help spread holiday cheer to the children in attendance. The CL3 Foundation aims to move forward members of local youth and underprivileged groups through education, leadership, health and technology. Cornelius' teammates Braeden Daniels, Jaryd Jones-Smith and Mason Brooks joined in on the fun too.







DC VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT HONORS JAMES SMITH-WILLIAMS

On April 20, Commanders defensive end James Smith-Williams was honored with the “Champion of Justice” award at the D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project’s (DCVLP) 15th Anniversary Celebration for his work on behalf of domestic violence survivors and families. As a longtime ambassador for Set the Expectation and founding member of the organizations’ Champions Program, James hosts community events, including conversations with high school football teams across the DMV, having holiday meals with survivors and donating to domestic violence shelters. During his acceptance speech, James shared “in the sport of life, success is not about winning the competition, it’s about making a contribution.”

Set the Expectation is an organization dedicated to ending sexual and interpersonal violence through prevention work with men, advocacy and engagement with agencies serving survivors and their families. Their efforts have raised more than \$142,000 in donations for agencies across the country.

OTHER PROGRAMMING







FRONT OFFICE STAFF PARTICIPATE IN COMMANDERS DAY OF SERVICE

On April 24, the Commanders partnered with Recycle Track Systems (RTS) for an employee day of service in Fort Dupont Park as part of the organizations' shared vision of supporting environmental change throughout the DMV. Led by the Anacostia Watershed Society, over a hundred Commanders staff members picked up trash throughout the park to help clean up and beautify the area. Team President Jason Wright spoke about the Commanders' mission and values during his remarks to staff at the event, saying the Commanders "want to contribute to our community in a way that's net positive, not just to the economic impact around the area, not just to the psyche of the area when we win, but to the social impact and quality of the area."





ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL ADOPT-A-SCHOOL THROUGH THE JUST KEEP LIVIN' FOUNDATION

The Roosevelt H.S. JKL students had an incredible semester through another year of sponsorship from the Washington Commanders. One of the biggest highlights was their trip to the Bloomberg News offices in D.C. They hosted a panel with finance reporter Katanga Johnson and bureau chief Peggy Collins who each spoke about the current state of journalism, and students were able to ask questions to better understand what it means to be a reporter in 2023. Nutrition and community service were the biggest takeaways from the semester with many students expressing gratitude for healthy snack options and the ability to volunteer with so many of their peers and community members.



KIDS DAY AT TRAINING CAMP

In August, young fans joined the Commanders for an exciting training camp experience featuring a balloon artist, visit from Major Tuddy, a face painting station and more.

Among the special guests at Kids Day were representatives from the Make-A-Wish Foundation; Special Olympics; Big Brothers Big Sisters; American Cancer Society, Hogfarmers' Charitable Foundation, the Hustlers Guild and over 300 students from DCPS. The first 2,000 kids walked away with Major Tuddy shirts and NFL Flag water bottles.

Kids also got an opportunity to connect with Commanders players for autographs, and the Beacon House football team helped players carry their helmets back to the locker room. Youth flag and high school football athletes were encouraged to wear their teams' jerseys to training camp. Athletes received a special giveaway of tickets to the preseason Commanders game versus the Baltimore Ravens.



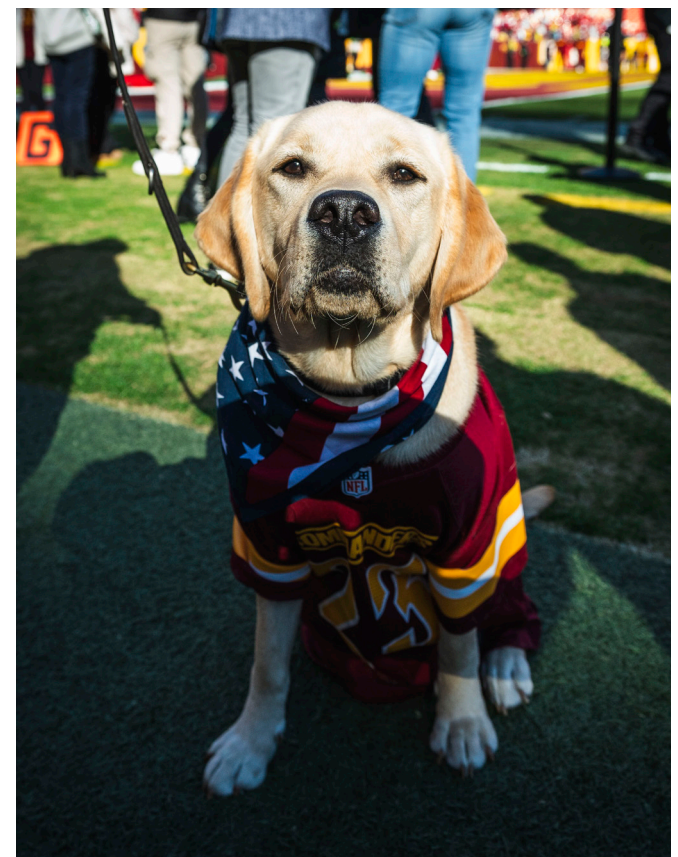


K9S FOR WARRIORS TEAM SERVICE DOGS: GOLDIE

The Washington Commanders announced the latest addition to their roster for the 2023 season, team dog Goldie, a four-month-old English yellow lab. Born in rural North Carolina, Goldie made her way to the DMV for a season of skills training. After the season, Goldie then returned to K9s For Warriors to be paired as a service dog with a deserving veteran. K9s For Warriors provides highly trained service dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and military sexual trauma. Most of the organization's dogs come from rescue shelters.

Goldie is the Commanders' second team dog following in the footsteps of Mando, who joined the team for the 2022 NFL season. Mando's tenure with the Commanders included visits to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Capitol Hill and attendance at home games before going on to serve as a Service Dog for a veteran through K9s For Warriors.

The team's partnership with K9s For Warriors is spearheaded by the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation. Since the partnership began last year, the Foundation has donated \$40K to K9s For Warriors. These donations helped ensure Goldie's training expenses were covered and that Goldie will become a difference-making companion.





COMMANDERS CELEBRATE LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

On June 10, the Washington Commanders supported the Capitol Pride Alliance at this year's annual Pride Parade. The Capitol Pride Parade is a tradition that honors the history and evolution of Washington's LGBTQ neighborhoods, while respecting the origins and importance of taking to the streets in the fight for equality. Capitol Pride Alliance is a nonprofit organization that supports and protects LGBTQ+ history and rights. The first gay pride celebration in DC took place in 1972.

COMMANDERS MARCH FOR EQUALITY

Over 75 members of the Commanders community, including the Command Force and members of the DC Gay Flag Football league, came together to march in this year's parade. Walkers gave out pride-themed swag including Commanders rainbow branded sunglasses, flags, and fans, while trailing a digital billboard truck emblazoned with a rainbow-colored logo and the "Football Is For Everyone" slogan.

The next day, the Commanders activated at the Pride Festival grounds alongside 300+ service organizations. Washington Legends Brian Mitchell and Josh Morgan, Major Tuddy, and members of the Command Force participated, and the Commanders greeted festivalgoers with branded giveaways. In the Week 13 matchup versus the Miami Dolphins, the Commanders hosted a pride-themed game.





TEAM COMES TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE SUPERFAN MELBA JACOBSON'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

Earlier in Training Camp, Commanders superfan Melba Jacobson traded in her #98 jersey for #99. Melba has supported the Commanders organization for more than 80 years and is a 99-year native of Silver Spring, MD. Commanders players came together to celebrate Melba's birthday.



THANK YOU

The Washington Commanders 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 2023.

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