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THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES HELPS MAM EXPAND, EXPEDITE SERVICES TO MILITARY FAMILIES IN NEED ACROSS ARIZONA

PHOENIX, April 28, 2020 – It's rare that our military service men and women would ever reach out for help, but when they do, as a community it is our responsibility to lend our support. This month Military Assistance Mission (MAM) was awarded \$100,000 from Thunderbirds Charities, the charitable giving arm of The Thunderbirds – hosts of the Waste Management Phoenix Open – so that the nonprofit can continue its mission of providing financial and morale aid to Arizona's active duty military, national guard and reservists, their families and post 9/11 Purple Heart Recipients.

On average, through donations such as these, MAM provides support to more than 4,500 Military members and families who benefit financially, as well as take part in MAM's morale programs and event programs annually.

"Receiving this grant from Thunderbirds Charities is a game changer for MAM," said Trey Vineyard, MAM Board President. "I am excited to see how this funding will help us respond even more effectively to the needs of military families. This support will most certainly change the trajectory of their lives and we are humbled by the opportunity to offer programs to those who have given and continue to sacrifice so much for the American way of life we all cherish."

MAM programs include, but are not limited to: Work for Warriors, Seats for Soldiers, GI Gap Grant, Baby Bundle Bash, Back 2 School Mission, Operation Holiday Open House, Caring for Hero Caregivers; and, financial assistance when needed.

MAM's financial assistance program is at the heart of their mission of giving back. When the men and women who defend our freedom are faced with a dire emergency, MAM is there to help when and how they need it the most.

"Through our financial assistance program, we are able to meet the needs of the lowest ranking service members by helping pay for basic necessities, such as housing, utilities, groceries, car payments, and insurance," explained Vineyard. "Without generous donations from organizations like The Thunderbirds, we would not be able to do the work we aim to do."

To find out more about all the programs, events and ways to get involved, visit www.azmam.org.

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About Military Assistance Mission

Military Assistance Mission (MAM) aims to provide financial and morale aid to our current Arizona active duty military, their families, and Post 9/11 Purple Heart Recipients, regardless of overseas deployment status. Through generous and widespread public support and collaborative team of

exceptional staff and volunteers, we aspire to become the provider of choice for emergency financial and morale assistance.

About Thunderbirds/Thunderbirds Charities

THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 to distribute monies raised through the Waste Management Phoenix. The Thunderbirds Charities Board consists of 15 board members from varying professional backgrounds. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in our communities. The organization's giving is directed toward organizations based or with a significant presence in Arizona. The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. The Thunderbirds consist of 55 "active" members and more than 285 "life" members. For more information on the Thunderbirds or the 2021 Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit www.wmphoenixopen.com. For more information on the Thunderbirds Charities, visit www.thunderbirdscharities.org.