



On behalf of the SSG Swanson support Charities for Veterans and their Families, I would like to thank the American Legion Post 206 located in Chesapeake Beach Maryland for hosting the Redskins Hogettes tailgate party to benefit our Foundation. The Legion has been with us from the start of this new journey in our lives. We are honored and humbled to be associated with such a great organization that cares and provides for our Nations Veterans.

To our community and businesses here in Southern Anne Arundel and Calvert County, thank you for the many donated items for the silent auction. We are so thankful for your continuing support. Our son Chris loved his slice of paradise here on the bay. We have heard untold stories of how he bragged about growing up here in “Bay Country”. When we started this new journey in our lives we sought the advice of countless individuals and most importantly those who have done so much for us as a Nation, our Veterans.

This past year the foundation has:

- Introduced and worked with the State of Maryland to pass legislation to award license plates to Gold Star Families. Over 9500 families in the state are eligible for this honor.
- Awarded several college scholarships to high school students with our great partners from the American Legion. We have pledged to match their contribution to deserving applicants.
- Assisted several military families financially in our area and throughout our country when a need has been brought to our attention.
- Started a military camper fund at River Valley Ranch to assist children of military families with the cost of camp. I was blessed to speak to over 4500 young people and their families on “Weathering Life’s Storms”.
- Hosted outings for soldiers at Walter Reed and from our area to sporting events to include Golf, Fishing on the Bay, Baltimore Ravens Football, Orioles Baseball, cookouts and dinner outings.

In closing, congratulations to the Redskin Hogettes on your 25th anniversary! You have brought so much joy to our region and your commitment to give back to charities is truly a blessing.

Proud Family of an American Soldier and Hero,

Gary, Kelly, Kenneth and Heather Swanson

To learn more about our Non-Profit Veterans Support Charity, please visit our web site at www.ssgswansonveterancharities.org.