



# FACT SHEET



## Who We Are

The Mission Continues is the only national nonprofit challenging post-9/11 veterans to rebuild a sense of purpose through community service. Many veterans struggle to find purpose at home without the structure, mission and camaraderie of a military unit. Through service, veterans find renewed strength and purpose while building stronger communities. Our mission is fueled by a deep belief that our veterans are assets.

## Our Program

The Mission Continues awards community service fellowships to post-9/11 veterans, empowering them to transform their own lives by serving others and directly impact their communities. Mission Continues Fellows serve for six months at a local nonprofit organization addressing key educational, environmental or social issues. Each Fellow works to achieve one of three outcomes at the conclusion of the fellowship: full-time employment, pursuit of higher education or a permanent role of service.

At the culmination of the fellowship, each Fellow will lead a service project in his/her community, bringing veterans and civilians together in days of service nationwide. These projects are bridging the military-civilian divide, allowing veterans to feel more connected to their communities and helping civilians gain a better understanding of and appreciation for our men and women in uniform.

*"Don't ask me what you can do for me... let me tell you what I can do for you." --Josh Eckhoff, Mission Continues Fellow*

## Recognition & Results

- October 2011 -- Finalist, with Target, for the Business Civic Leadership Center's Annual Corporate Citizenship Awards, honoring corporate partnerships that exemplify the continued evolution of corporate citizenship.
- August 2011 -- The Center for Social Development at Washington University published the first external assessment of the impact of The Mission Continues Fellowship Program, with inspiring results. Initial findings from this study show:
  - o 71 percent of Fellows furthered their education
  - o 86 percent of Fellows transferred their military skills to civilian employment
  - o 86 percent of Fellows believed the program helped them to become a leader within their community
  - o 91 percent of Fellows taught others the value of service and were able to sustain a role of service
- July 2011 -- Recognized by the Social Venture Network as one of its 2011 Innovation Award winners, naming the organization as one of the nation's most promising social ventures.
- October 2010 -- Recognized with the Manhattan Institute's Social Entrepreneurship Award as one of the top five most socially innovative nonprofit organizations in the country.

## How to Get Involved

- Invest.** Support The Mission Continues with a financial contribution, and share our belief that veterans are assets.
- Serve.** Serve as a Fellow or serve alongside our Fellows at a Mission Continues service project in your community.
- Promote.** Share our mission to your networks and the community via social media outlets, word of mouth or special events.