



**MILITARY ASSISTANCE MISSION**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2020**

# Military Assistance Mission



Margy Bons oldest son, USMC Sgt. Michael Adam Marzano, was serving his country in Iraq. On May 7th, 2005 he was killed in an ambush by a suicide borne vehicle filled with IED's.

Her world was forever changed on that Mother's Day.

Wanting to continue what Michael had started, by serving his country and his fellow brothers and sisters in arms, Margy created Military Assistance Mission, A.K.A MAM. Providing financial and morale aid to our current Arizona military, their families, and post 9/11 Purple Heart Recipients is our mission.



Freedom is never free. Join us in our mission of having the backs of those who protect ours at home and abroad.

# 120

Average number of yearly cases MAM provides to our Arizona active duty, guard & reserve military service members

# 4,500

Average number of military members and families who benefited yearly from MAM's morale/event programs such as Operation Holiday Open House, Seats for Soldiers, Back 2 School and Baby Bundle Bash

# \$10,000

Average amount of food assistance provided to AZ military members and their families through MAM's Food Assistance – Coronavirus March 2020 – current



## OUR VISION

Through generous and widespread public support we aspire to become the provider of choice for emergency financial and morale assistance to our current Arizona active military and their families.

## OUR MISSION

Providing Financial and Morale aid to our current Arizona Military, their families and post 9/11 Purple Heart recipients. We stand by our military 24/7, 365 days a year, always here to lend a helping hand.

## OUR VALUES

Honor, Patriotism, and service to Country: Those who wear our country's uniform do so with a sense of duty, without thought of recognition or gain. We serve by serving them and their families.

# Programs

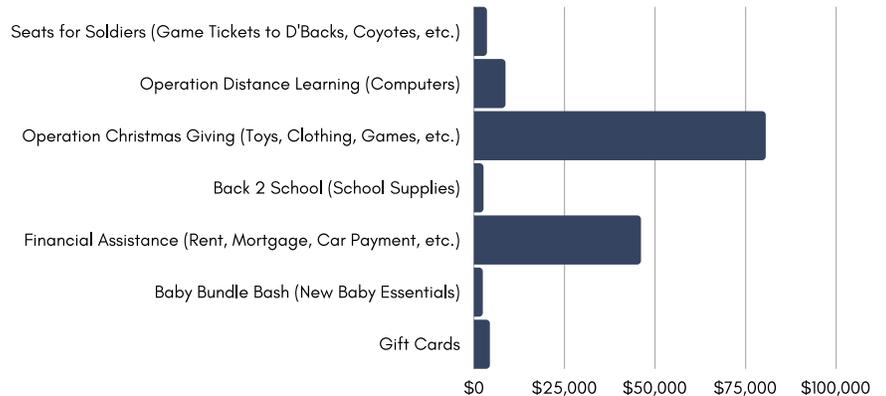
## Financial Assistance & Morale Programs

Nearly 60% of enlisted families report financial difficulties. MAM offers financial assistance and morale aid to help these struggling families. Our financial program includes assistance with rent, mortgage, car payment, car insurance, utilities, and food. Our morale programs include assistance with new baby essentials, school supplies, Christmas gifts and more.

### Programs & Assistance Provided

Seats for Soldiers	\$3,446.00
Operation Distance Learning	\$8,561.42
Operation Christmas Giving	\$80,401.00
Back 2 School	\$2,500.00
Financial Assistance	\$45,957.28
Baby Bundle Bash	\$2,300.00
Gift Cards	\$4,254.22

**TOTAL** **\$147,419.50**



\*A copy of the fully audited financial statements will be available after June 30, 2021.

\*Arizona Diamondbacks Tickets valued at \$40,804.20 were provided to MAM. Due to Covid-19 they were not distributed and not accounted for in our Annual Report.

## Baby Bundle Bash

Each quarter MAM hosts five military families expecting a child at a Baby Shower. All the essentials for their upcoming bundle of joy are provided as well as safety education.



# Programs



## Back 2 School

School supplies are given to military children in Arizona to ensure that they are able to go to school in the fall with the same supplies as their civilian classmates. In addition to the typical school supplies, in 2020 MAM provided laptops for distance learning to those in need through our **Operation Distance Learning** program.

## Operation Christmas Giving

As the holidays approach, there are military families who are struggling to pay their bills. The pressure of providing gifts for their children can be difficult. Every year Military Assistance Mission helps ease the burden and add some holiday cheer with the support of the community.



## Seats for Soldiers

Throughout the year, a variety of organizations donates tickets to MAM for our Arizona service members. This allows military families to attend Arizona D'Backs, Coyotes, GCU Men's Basketball, and Spring Training Games.

# Programs



## Basic Needs / Financial Assistance

This program offers financial assistance to pay bills such as rent, mortgage, utilities, car payment, car insurance, and food.

## Covid Food Assistance

MAM will continue its mission to relieve our struggling military families during these challenging times. We will provide you with an E-card to purchase food/essentials for you and your family.



## GI Gap Grant

Active Duty and Reserve Service Members often struggle during the gap between serving and receiving funds for the Post 911 GI Bill or GI Bill. This program helps them with bills when they begin college after service.

# Event Highlights

As we reflect back on 2020, it is with a grateful heart for what we have been able to do for our Arizona military families. The year was full of challenges for many families. Like others, we found creative ways to modify the way we do things in order to best serve struggling Arizona military members & their families. Thanks to the community support we have been able to provide the needed programs and financial assistance during these challenging times.



Our **Back 2 School** event shifted from an open house to a drive-through event helping over 500 children. Families faced the challenge of not having computers for their children to participate in virtual classrooms. Thankfully we were able to help every family that requested a laptop!

The **9/11 Freedom Breakfast** went virtual with a "**9/11 Never Forget**" Special on 3TV featuring celebrities, veterans and patriots. One of the guests was out of this world! Astronaut, Frank Culbertson shared what it was like to be in space when the towers were struck. For those that missed the special, it is a must-see and can be viewed at [www.azmam.org/freedom](http://www.azmam.org/freedom).

Our last event of each year is always the pinnacle of all morale events. **Operation Christmas Giving**, hosted at Sanderson Ford was a festive holiday event. There were Christmas Carolers, photos with Santa, Super Heroes, and holiday decorations. 315 Military Families registered for the event. Over 800 children received a bag of toys and gifts. The bulk of the toys came from Operation Santa Claus. Additionally, 16 individuals and several organizations adopted families. Some joyfully adopting larger families with 5 to 7 children! The spirit of giving was very evident in all that participated!



# Our impact...

*"I would like to thank you and AZMAM so much for the donation of the laptops to my children. They were so excited to have their own laptop to do their schoolwork. In this time of uncertainty people like you and organizations like yours, who step up in the community to make sure families have the tools in resources they need to make this difficult process easier, is outstanding. I can't express how grateful my family and I are, so the least I can do is share a picture of my children using their new laptops. Again thanks so much for all that you do."*



## ...in their words

*"I wanted to take the time to say thank you once again!! We are truly blessed to have AZMAM in our lives! Everything that you guys do, along with other partnerships means so much. Please extend our appreciation to everybody involved. I can honestly speak for every veteran when I say we are very blessed to have so many people who care about us. Again Thank you so much!!"*

*"We are so grateful for everything MAM has done for our family this year. Thank you for all you do! Merry Christmas!"*

*"Thank you for everything you guys gave us. I do appreciate it with all my heart! My kids are happy and that's what is important to me! Bless you all for everything you do for the military family!"*



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# SNAPSHOT



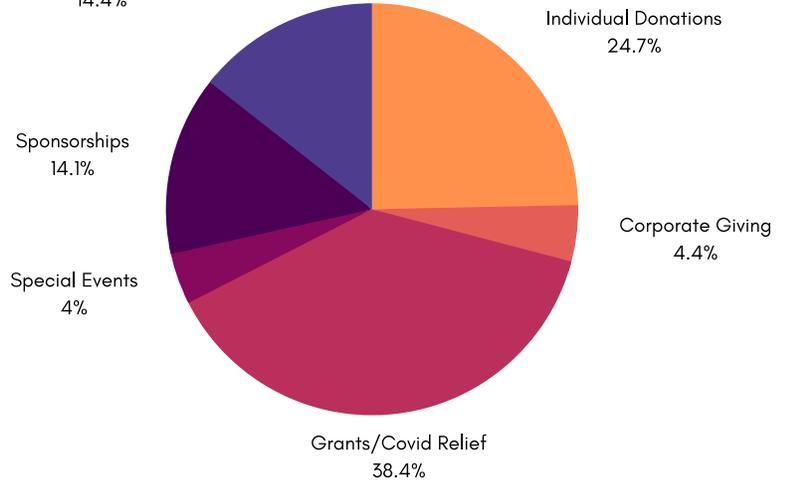
Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2020 (unaudited)\*

## SUPPORT & REVENUE

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Individual Donation	\$173,724.55
Corporate Giving	\$31,030.00
Grants/Covid Relief	\$270,271.00
Special Events	\$28,331.45
Sponsorship	\$99,100.00
Morale Programs & Services (In-Kind)	\$101,462.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$703,919.42</b>

Morale Programs & Services (In-Kind)  
14.4%



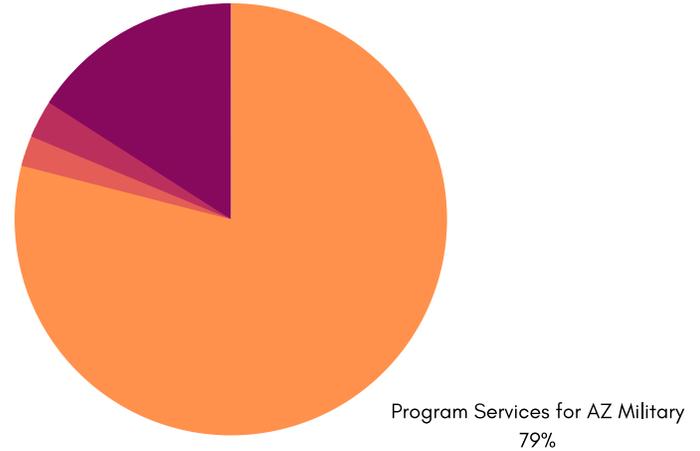
## EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT

### Expenses

Program Services for AZ Military members, spouse & children	\$503,846.07
Special Events	\$14,491.18
Fundraising/Development	\$18,009.31
Morale Program & Services (In-Kind)	\$101,462.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$637,808.98</b>

Morale Program & Services (In-Kind)  
15.9%

Fundraising & Development  
2.8%



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# Thank You!

The generous support of these organizations makes it possible for MAM to continue to help Arizona military members and their families.

**Arizona Community Foundation**  
**Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation**  
**AZ Family 3tv**  
**Comfort Keepers**  
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