

Adaptive Warrior Program



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KANON'S STORY

Kanon is a 26-year-old sergeant in the Army National Guard. On July 4th, 2019, Kanon broke his C5 vertebrae from diving into Gull Lake resulting in him becoming a quadriplegic. He served in the Army National Guard for six years and had just re-enlisted the month before his accident. He was just promoted to Sergeant and had a full time position as an Administrative NCO up in Wyoming, MI.

His passions included working out on a daily basis, playing sports of any kind and hunting and fishing. He graduated from Grand Valley University with a double major in psychology and criminal justice.



HOW WE HELPED

Thanks to the generous, much needed, financial assistance from the Stronger Warrior Foundation, we have been able to build a handicap bathroom, bedroom and deck with a handicap ramp for Kanon. He just took his first real shower in over a year and his exact words were, "Mom this is amazing!"



SGT Kanon McVicker

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FROM THE FAMILY

"Thank you so much to everyone at Stronger Warrior Foundation for allowing us the resources to help make my son's life a little easier and happier under these trying circumstances! With your help, Kanon will gain back some of the independence he so much deserves."

With sincere gratitude,
The McVicker Family



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

"This program is designed to reach injured veterans who need modifications for their homes or vehicles. Our goal is to help make a veteran's living situation easier whether their injury was service related or not. Our program is unique because it aims to help those who may not be getting sufficient monetary assistance to modify their homes or vehicles from the VA. Please contact me if you have any questions about the Adaptive Warrior Program.

Zachary Osaer Director of Adaptive Warrior



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BRUCINA'S STORY

Brucina is a 45-year-old Army veteran who had the opportunity of serving her country in 1994 and was honorably discharged in 1995 due to unforeseen events with a rank of PFC. In 1997, Brucina was at the beginning of what she thought was her happily ever after through marriage to only encounter 4 days later in the month of November to what Michigan is known to have called "black ice" that caused an accident leaving her to become T-6 paraplegic. What some may have thought was the end became the moment she found her purpose and passion to live! As she states "God wasn't ready for me yet! There's more for you to do!"

Currently, she is in pursuing her MSW degree from the accredited Western Michigan University while working full time for Veterans Affairs Grand Rapids Veterans Center as Office Manager, along with also maintaining two other part time positions that allow her to work within her passion and purpose of simply seeking to ignite the flame of hope in others that can sometimes fade away because of hope lost due to life's curveballs that can be thrown.



HOW WE HELPED

Thanks to the funds provided by Stronger Warrior Foundation, Brucina was able to get full repairs done to her wheelchair accessible van. Brucina's van is very important in allowing her to maintain her independence, and Stronger Warrior Foundation was happy to provide her with the funds to repair her vehicle.

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A NOTE FROM BRUCINA

“The day that Zac reached out seeking the opportunity to help a veteran who needed help with modifications whether home or vehicle was the day I wasn't going into work due to just feeling a little overwhelmed and well just tired and wanting rest but yet I pressed my way in. And because I showed up was the day, I received this blessing and because of that I was able to share of your services with another disabled veteran in need of like modification services as well. Thank you, Stronger Warrior Foundation, for allowing your resources to help make life a little better for those like myself who simply want to live life barrier free just as everyone else with the full abilities of their limbs. I'm most humble and grateful for you, Thank you.”

Sincerely,

Brucina L. Mayfield



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Stronger Warrior Foundation was happy to find a veteran like Brucina to repair her vehicle. Our program is unique because it aims to help those who may not be getting sufficient funds from the VA. This program is also designed to reach veterans who's injury may or may not be service related. Please contact me if you have any questions about the Adaptive Warrior Program.

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