



# **CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

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# TEAMWORK



**“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”.**

– Helen Keller

## **PURPOSE**

**Emphasis: protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families, through programs and activities such as:**

- Youth Hero and Good Deed Awards
- Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2)
- Junior Activities Patch Program
- ALA Scholarships
- Month of the Military Child in April
- Purple Up! Day for Military kids on April 15
- Klinger, a Story of Hope and Honor

# Youth Hero & Good Deed Awards

- **Good Deed Award**
  - Youth should demonstrate leadership in community service.
- **Youth Hero Award**
  - Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor.

# Youth Hero & Good Deed Awards



# Youth Hero Award Criteria

## Demonstrates a physical act of valor such as:

- Performing the Heimlich maneuver
- Performing CPR
- Administering First Aid
- Rescue from fire or water peril



# Youth Hero Award Winner

## Brantley Miller

- Physically assisted fellow student during a medical emergency



## Good Deed Award Criteria

**Donates time and/or money for a worthy cause, such as:**

- Military Support
  - Baby Shower for military family
  - Care packages for troops overseas
  - Natural Disaster clean up and activism
- Food Drives
- Lemonade Stand
- Veterans Memorial
- Collecting coats, clothes, supplies for homeless shelters
- Organizing fundraisers to support mission related charitable organizations



# Good Deed Award Winners

## Toby, David, Ty, and Thomas

- Volunteer twice a week at food & clothing distribution center
- Help unload trucks, organize distribution center, and load cars



PHOTO BY SARAH INGRAM / THE JOURNAL-COURIER  
Co-director Sherry Perry, left, Toby Wheeler, 16, of Milton, David Wallace, 16, of Milton, Ty Wheeler, 14, of Milton, and Thomas Wheeler, 18, of Milton, pose together outside of the Eastern Cabell County Humane Organization Food Distribution Center on Monday in Milton.

## Milton teens volunteer at food, clothing distribution center

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MILTON — Throughout the summer, David Wallace and brothers Thomas, Toby and Ty Wheeler volunteered at the Eastern Cabell County Humane Organization (ECCHO) on Smith Street in Milton twice a week.

ECCHO is a food and clothing distribution center that serves approximately 1,000 people, or about 350 families, a month, according to co-director Sherry Perry. The boys help unload trucks, organize the dis-

tribution center and load cars with food or other items for recipients. Perry said they are a delight to have helping out.

"They've just done a little bit of everything and really help us," she said. "We're getting old, and when you get a truck in — we get trucks every week, and you might get 300 boxes of food — and we've got bad backs and it's tough to carry so even just that, them just carrying those in is very, very helpful. But they've done a little bit of everything and we appreciate them."

■ MILTON | GA



Brothers Ty Wheeler, 14, of Milton, right, and Thomas Wheeler, 18, of Milton, sort boxes of peaches together outside of the Eastern Cabell County Humane Organization Food Distribution Center on Monday in Milton.

## Month of the Military Child

**April!**



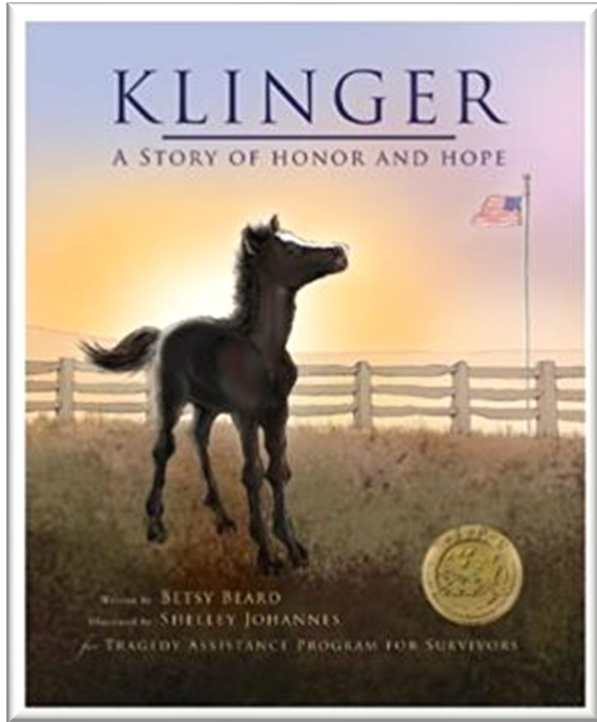
**PURPLE UP!**  
for military kids

# Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2



**KDH2!**

# Klinger, a Story of Honor & Hope







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**LEGION**

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 AMERICAN  
**LEGION**

# Junior Patch Program



# Scholarships

- **Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship**
- **Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**
- **Spirit of Youth Scholarship**
- **Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship**
- **ALA Girls Nation/TAL Boys State**
- **Junior Activities**
- **Legion Scholarships**
  - Samsung American Legion Scholarship
  - The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship
  - Oratorical Contest, Baseball Scholarship, Eagle Scout of the Year & Shooting Sports

# Collaborative Ventures

- **Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)**
- **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)**
- **Big Brothers / Big Sisters of America**
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of America**
- **Give an Hour**



## American Legion Child Welfare Foundation





# Collaborative Ventures

Help **raise awareness** and **identify the needs** of homeless children by connecting with:

- Faith-based organizations
- Shelters
- Food Pantries
- Schools
- Voluntary Service representatives at VAMC facilities, veterans/soldiers' homes





# Family Working Together



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