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Our Mission

Enriching the lives of those with developmental challenges while honoring our nation's Veterans.

Who We Are

Shining Honor Project began in Oklahoma, April 2017, and currently operates in Oklahoma and Montana. Since inception, our Honor Teams have cleaned and polished thousands of headstones of military veterans and their spouses in Oklahoma and Montana. We work with the Tulsa Community Foundation & the Whitefish Community Foundation who oversee our donations and expenses.

We partner with the following organizations by providing wages for their clients and funding for cleaning expenses they incur. These individuals who participate in the Shining Honor Project are called Honor Team members. Our Honor Teams have been professionally trained in proper headstone restoration. We exclusively use the same cleaning products approved by the National Park Service for use at Arlington National Cemetery.

OKLAHOMA

Ability Works
A New Leaf
AVB Bank
Force 50 Foundation
Gatesway Foundation
Greenhill Cemetery

Historic Dewey Cemetery
INCOR
Memorial Park Cemetery
Rose Hill Funeral Home & Memorial Park
Tulsa Community Foundation

MONTANA

Glacier Memorial Gardens
Lighthouse Christian Home & Services
Whitefish Cemetery
Whitefish Community Foundation

Impact

Our Honor Team members earn a paycheck that exceeds the minimum wage. This income helps to assist with basic necessities while giving the Honor Team members opportunities to purchase items they otherwise could not afford. Many Honor Team members receive as little as \$50 per month of government assistance. Perhaps most importantly, participants are able to work and develop skills that will prove invaluable in a wide-range of "real world" situations.

These projects also give our Honor Team members an added sense of purpose, pride and value to their lives. There's something therapeutic and rewarding about transforming a headstone that's aging, stained and covered with moss and making it shiny once again. It is our privilege to help enrich the lives of individuals through fulfilling work that also serves to better our community and honor our Veterans.

60%
of Oklahomans with disabilities
are unemployed. However, the
unemployment rate for the
general population is only

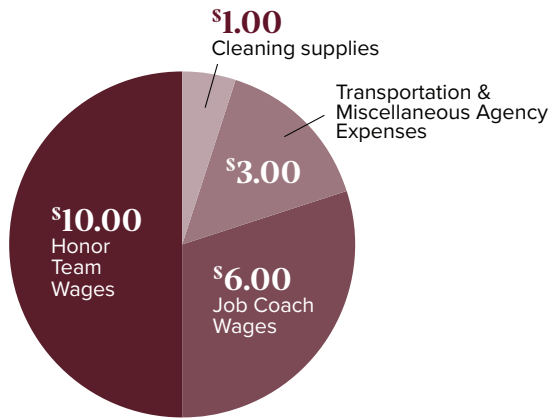
3.4%
as of November 2022.

*Source: Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Labor Statistics and United States Department of Labor.

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“Our clients find such pride in working on the headstones of Veterans. A lot of them have Veterans in their families or know Veterans and feel like they are honoring them. They feel like they are serving them in a way they are able to without the limitations or judgments they face in everyday life. You see the sense of purpose and pride in all who participate and the hard work they do with little to no prompts or assistance. They want to succeed in the task on their own and go above and beyond on every headstone they touch. I am a Veteran and couldn't be prouder of our crew or the Shining Honor organization.” —MICHELLE HUNT (PROGRAM MANAGER) AT INCOR

Budget Overview



Donations are used for Honor Team members' income, to assist with job coach wages, cleaning supplies, tools, and transportation. Overhead expenses, which include marketing and administrative costs, have been funded by a private grant. The Shining Honor Project utilizes donations exclusively for the benefit of the care giving agencies and our Honor Team members' wages. Our donors can have confidence that their entire donation will go into the hands of those who need it most.

**Shining Honor Project pays the partnering organization \$20 for each hour worked by an Honor Team member. This amount is allocated as illustrated in the pie chart to the left.*

How You Can Get Involved

You can support our Honor Team Members with a monthly recurring gift or a one-time donation. Your contribution to the Shining Honor Project will significantly impact the life of an adult with developmental challenges and honor our nation's Veterans. Donors receive a tax-deductible receipt for 100% of the donation.

EXAMPLES OF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FUND AN HONOR TEAM

Fund an Honor Team for a day: A team of four, working 4 hours one day.	\$320
Fund an Honor Team for a week: A team of four, working 4 days a week, 4 hours each day.	\$1,280
Fund an Honor Team for a month: A team of four, working 4 days a week, 4 hours each day.	\$5,120

FUND SUPPLIES & TRANSPORTATION

Fund supplies and transportation for a month: A team of four, working 4 days a week.	\$1,024
Fund supplies and transportation for 9 months: A team of four, working 4 days a week.	\$9,216



Erin Wambold, Executive Director, has more than 25 years experience working with nonprofit organizations. Erin has advanced degrees from both Northeastern State University and the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Wambold has a strong belief that people, relationships, and compassion are the driving force for sharing and achieving Shining Honor's mission. Listening to the needs and desires of individuals are imperative to helping people reach their philanthropic goals.