

# Central Kansas Military Community Foundation

*Dedicated to supporting Soldiers & their Families*

The Central Kansas Military Community Foundation (CKMCF) is a non-profit, charitable organization that was established in 2004 in response to the ongoing hardships faced by our Soldiers and their Families. Fort Riley and the surrounding communities have been greatly impacted by the continual cycle of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. CKMCF tries to ease the financial burden that a military family faces when an unexpected event occurs. From providing support to wounded Soldiers for expenses not covered by the military to assisting families in need who live far from the support of their own extended families, CKMCF tries to ease their burden by providing financial assistance in the form of grants.

CKMCF raises funds through crock sales and private donations. If you or your organization would like to donate to CKMCF, please send your contribution to: CKMCF, P.O. Box 495, Ogdan, KS 66517-0495. All donations are tax deductible.

Active duty Soldiers assigned to Fort Riley and their Families, along with National Guard and Reserve Soldiers deployed through Fort Riley and their Families are eligible to apply to CKMCF for assistance. Financial hardship must be shown in order to receive funds and at no time will financial mismanagement or misuse of personal funds be rewarded.

To receive an application to apply for assistance call CKMCF at 785-226-1909 or e-mail [CKMCF04@hotmail.com](mailto:CKMCF04@hotmail.com). Applications are also available at the Army Emergency Relief office – 785-239-9450.

In 2000, a 4 year old cancer patient named Alexandra "Alex" Scott announced a seemingly simple idea -she was holding a lemonade stand to raise money to help "her doctors" find a cure for kids with cancer. The idea was put into action by Alex and her older brother, Patrick, when they set up the first "Alex's Lemonade Stand for Childhood Cancer" on their front lawn in July of 2000.

For the next four years, despite her deteriorating health, Alex held an annual lemonade stand to raise money for childhood cancer research. Following her inspirational example, thousands of lemonade stands and other fund-raising events have been held across the country by children, schools, businesses, and organizations, all to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for childhood cancer. On August 1st, 2004, Alex died peacefully at the age of 8 -- she had raised over \$1 million for childhood cancer research in her short lifetime.

Alex's spirited determination to raise awareness and money for all childhood cancer while she bravely fought her own deadly battle with cancer has inspired thousands of people, from all walks of life to raise money and give to her cause. Alex's family and supporters are committed to continuing her inspiring legacy through Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a registered 501c3 charity. As of June 2007, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation has raised over \$18 million for childhood cancer research. The result -- Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation has given millions of dollars for childhood cancer research across the country!