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## HELLO!

### WELCOME TO THE FIRST SUPPORT OUR TROOPS NEWSLETTER.

#### NANCY OAKLEY

Associate Vice President,  
Support Our Troops



Support Our Troops is the official charitable cause of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). Like hospitals and schools that receive core public funding, members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families appreciate the generosity of Canadians who chose to assist with the distinctive requirements and individual circumstances that arise due to their military service.

If you are receiving this newsletter, it is because your past support has directly touched the brave women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces community.

Canadian Armed Forces' members and their families serve our nation with a deep sense of pride and duty.

When I am speaking with donors, I enjoy listening to their stories about why it is important for them to support. In this issue, Howard Glowinsky, Director of his family-owned business Elite Roofing talks about why his company gives to the National Scholarship Program. Last year, of the 388 applications received, only 45 were awarded scholarships. The program is now accepting applications and with support from Canadians, fewer students will abandon their academic dreams and struggle with stress and the financial burdens on their own.

I am humbled by Canadians' patriotism and appreciation of the Canadian Armed Forces and the sacrifices they make. Canadians understand their valuable role, whether it is delivering humanitarian aid, responding to natural disasters at home or abroad or participating in international peacekeeping efforts. Our collective support of CAF members is needed to continue to keep us safe and secure. ▶

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Thank you Elite Roofing!



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Meet a scholarship recipient!

Each newsletter will share stories about the conditions of military service, the positive impact your donations are making, what's coming up, and how you can get involved.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [Oakley.nancy@cfmws.com](mailto:Oakley.nancy@cfmws.com).

Thank you for standing with us to support the women and men in uniform who do so much for our country each and every day.

With gratitude,

Nancy

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

# RCAF RUN TAKES OFF!

Over the past ten years, participants of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Run have raised over \$260,000 for members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families. Thank you to Winnipeg 17 Wing for creating a fun, family-friendly event where feet take flight!

Mark your calendars for the 11th annual Royal Canadian Air Force Run to take place on Sunday, May 26th at 17 Wing Fitness and Recreation Centre. Participants can register for the half marathon, 10 kilometer run, 5 kilometer run or the 3 kilometer family fun run/walk. New this year, school teams will be able to register to participate in the run.

Participants have the opportunity to share their story about why they are participating in the RCAF Run and have chosen to raise funds for Support Our Troops on their personalized pledge page. They will be able to share their story and ask



their family, friends and colleagues to support their efforts with the touch of a button.

Registration is now open at [www.rcafrun.ca](http://www.rcafrun.ca).

OVER  
**\$260,000**  
RAISED BY RCAF RUN  
SINCE 2009.



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*“Our families are our strength beside the uniform – having funding in direct support of family programs shows concrete action beyond any words. Furthermore, programs that assist soldiers in re-engaging in all walks of life following traumatic events extend the meaning of family to include our Comrades-in-Arms who served Canada with utmost loyalty. The RCAF Run held at 17 Wing Winnipeg is proud to contribute to the Support our Troops’ annual fundraising efforts”.*

*- Colonel Charron, 17 Wing Commander*

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

# HOWARD GLOWINSKY INTERVIEW

THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF COMPANIES SUCH  
AS ELITE ROOFING, MANY MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS  
HAVE REALIZED THEIR ACADEMIC AMBITIONS.



## What inspired Elite Roofing to give to Support Our Troops?

I think over the last ten years the profile of the Canadian Armed Forces has become more prominent. You started to see things like honoring of soldiers at hockey games, the Highway of Heroes and Canada started demonstrating a more active role in their support of the Canadian Armed Forces. And we said, “you know what, some of these young men and women are sacrificing their lives, or they are coming back injured and wounded and have to live through those injuries, physical or emotional, and carry on through life, and where is the social network to support them?”

## Elite Roofing has been a long-standing supporter of Support Our Troops’ National Scholarship Program. Why do you think scholarships for military families are so important?

I think that scholarships gives hope to the younger generation of military families. That even though they

may not be serving men and women themselves, they have been moved from place to place, dealt with deployments, and we as a country have to give back to them to give them hope, encouragement and support, so they can become the best that they can be. I think that as Canadian citizens we owe it to them to do that.

## I know you have spoken with some of the students Elite Roofing has supported this past year. What did you take away from those conversations? Do you have an anecdote that moved you?

In speaking with one of the candidates, he described to us his life and I was in shock about how he was born in Quebec, and then he lived in Ottawa, and then Alberta, and then Newfoundland. “Home” is his last address is what I took away from the conversation. It really is difficult. It is something I wouldn’t have put together, it’s not intuitive, it’s not obvious. It’s not the life we live as Canadians. We are born into a family, and grow up in a neighborhood and a community, we make the friends



we make, we go to school. But these military kids are changing schools every couple of years, moving to different parts of the country and have to get re-acquainted. It quite impressed me. You think about it, but you do not think about it in that way until you have someone explain it to you.

### How do you hope these scholarships will affect the lives of students?

One of the things that I thought was important was to reach out to a

couple students who were recipients of the scholarship funds. It inspires our team to see the profiles of the people we are helping and can see that we are taking an active role. Our business is like a family, the military is part of the Canadian family and we have to support them. I think knowing that there are other people in Canada that support them, gives them more than just the financial aid that they need, I think it gives them support and encouragement to continue and to persevere through the various challenges they might have.

### What would you say to someone who is considering donating to the National Scholarship Program?

I would say "Don't wait!" Donate as much as you can, as soon as you can- it is money well spent. The applicants are all very deserving. The need greatly exceeds the amount of available funds and it's actually sad when I've read profiles to think that only a select number would get the support in order to continue with their education. It's unfortunate.

## RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT



**MILITARY FAMILIES FACE MANY CHALLENGES IN LIFE, INCLUDING RELOCATIONS, ABSENCES AND RISK. THEY ARE THE TRUE HEROES AT HOME. DUE TO THE**

**UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MILITARY LIFE, FUNDS FOR PURSUING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ARE A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER FOR CANADIAN ARMED FORCES FAMILIES. MEET JOLENE AND LEARN ABOUT THE POSITIVE IMPACT A SCHOLARSHIP HAS HAD ON THIS PARTICULAR MILITARY YOUTH.**

**Q: Give us an update! How is school going since receiving your scholarship? What are you studying, and what do you hope to pursue after school?**

Since receiving my scholarship, I have started my 4-year Bachelor of Arts at Brandon University in Manitoba. Currently I am majoring in Psychology and have not yet declared a minor. Many of my classes have helped me expand my horizons, presenting me with many options for pursuing a minor. I am strongly considering a minor in the Sociology of Crime and Deviance, Political Science, or Gender studies. Each are exciting fields and would benefit my post-grad plans of either obtaining my PhD in Psychology or becoming a Lawyer. I hope that as I continue my studies I will discover which path seems best suited to me or possibly find a new and exciting path, who knows maybe one day I'll run in politics! University has been such an amazing experience so far, many of my professors are quite impressed with my work and have invited me to join the honors programs of



their faculties. Naturally there is much more work that needs to be done in a shorter period of time at University, so far I have been able to keep up with the challenges earning a 3.7 out of 4 GPA in my first semester alone while continuing to work part-time at a local department store.

**Q: How did you learn about the Support Our Troops National Scholarship Program?**

I learned about the Scholarship Program from my father, a Warrant Officer posted in Ontario.

**Q: Being from a military family, what has it meant to you to receive a scholarship from Support Our Troops?**

Coming from a military family I have learned the hardships of living in a single parent household for extended periods of time. This has taught me many important financial decisions. It is amazing to see a group of people come together to reach out to individuals such as myself to let military families know that someone sees your struggle and your potential and that they care.

**Q: Why do you think scholarships for military families is so important?**

Being a part of a military family is never easy, you learn to deal with loss and disappointment at an early age, but you also learn important life lessons. Much like

other members of society, certain military families are more privileged than others giving rise to different types of struggles amongst households. Reaching out and taking time to hear ones story, letting them know that you see their future potential and that you care is so incredibly important to the children of military families, especially those who previously (such as myself) or continue to live in military provided housing on base, individuals who have suffered great loss, and those who have not been provided the opportunity to have their story heard.

**Q: What would you say to someone considering donating to the National Scholarship Program?**

“Please go for it!” The National Scholarship fund is such an amazing and important initiative in supporting today's youth as they pursue their passions in hopes of creating a better tomorrow. Knowing that so many individuals say what I had to offer and helped me pay for my schooling is such an incredible feeling and makes earning my degree that much more important. Without the support and kindness of strangers the world would be a much darker place and I would have a much harder time trying to change the world into something better. If you believe that there are individuals who have something to offer in bettering the world, please provide them the opportunity to start. You may have positively impacted lives in more ways than you could imagine.

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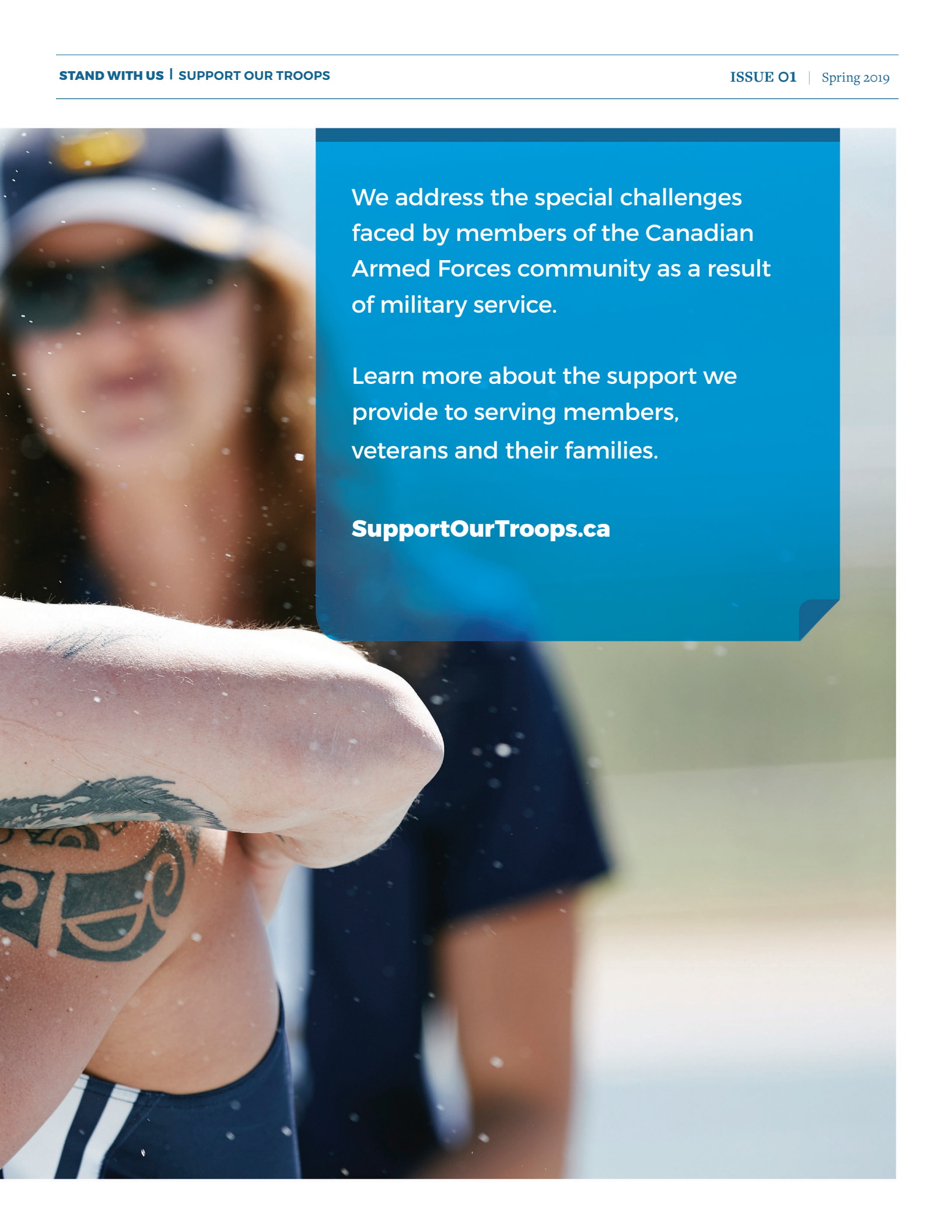
*“I’d just like to thank you and your committee again for choosing me to be the recipient of your scholarship, it is truly an honour.”*

**Jolene Osztian,**  
Scholarship Recipient







A woman in a military uniform and sunglasses is the background of the page. In the foreground, a person's arm with a large tattoo is visible. The text is overlaid on a blue rectangular background.

We address the special challenges  
faced by members of the Canadian  
Armed Forces community as a result  
of military service.

Learn more about the support we  
provide to serving members,  
veterans and their families.

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## NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



There were funds to support only **11%** of the **388** eligible requests we received last year.



### YOUR SUPPORT COULD CHANGE A YOUNG LIFE



Donations to the National Scholarship Program ease financial barriers and create paths to lifelong success.

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