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My name is Donna Clemons and I am the Founder of Tennessee Marine Family (TMF) which is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the support of our Armed Forces and their family members. Our organization originated as a group of family members of Marines from Tennessee, but has expanded to include family members representing all branches of our Armed Forces, civilians with a desire to support our military, and veterans from all branches. We hope to continue to grow so that we may better serve our service members and their families.

Some of our ongoing activities and programs include hosting Christmas parties for the children of deployed Marines, providing financial and emotional support for Gold Star families throughout Tennessee, and coordinating package drives for our deployed service men and women. To date we have coordinated fifteen (15) package drives and have shipped more than 4,000 care packages! As part of TMF's ongoing outreach program we send cards and letters to service members who are not receiving mail. We attend funerals, ceremonies, and memorials, and create Condolence Books to present to our Gold Star families. Through our website and group meetings, we share relevant information with our members regarding military policies, rules, and benefits. TMF also strives to assist other military support organizations such as Operation Stand Down, the Marine Corps League, and the national Marine Parents Conference.

One of our most important activities is our annual Gold Star Family Banquet where we remember our Fallen Heroes and honor their service and sacrifice. In conjunction with this event in 2006, TMF announced the creation of the Tennessee Marine Family Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund. This was TMF's way to do something for our Gold Star Families that would continue to honor their loved ones, benefit others, and fulfill our promise to these families to keep the memory of their Fallen Heroes alive. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 and we will award at least one scholarship each year. Additional scholarships will be awarded if funds are available. We were pleased to be able to award three \$1,000 scholarships for the 2009/2010 academic year. We encourage all qualified individuals to submit an application for this Scholarship. Scholarship guidelines and the application form are available via our website at [www.tnmarinefamily.org](http://www.tnmarinefamily.org) under the Fallen Heroes Scholarship tab.

Please note: **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS, TRANSCRIPTS, SCORES, REFERENCE LETTERS AND/OR MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2010.**

Additional information can be found on our web site at [www.tnmarinefamily.org](http://www.tnmarinefamily.org) or you may email our Scholarship Coordinator at [Scholarship@tnmarinefamily.org](mailto:Scholarship@tnmarinefamily.org). Please feel free to distribute the forms and web site information within your school system and beyond. We want to reach the largest number of Tennessee students possible.

Thank you,

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