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Veterans Community Project Honored with Newman's Own Award

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Veterans Community Project Receives National Award from Fisher House Foundation, Military Times, & Newman's Own

National Expansion Program recognized for program quality and innovation

Fisher House Foundation, Military Times, and **Newman's Own** have awarded grants to six non-profit organizations supporting military servicemembers and their families. Newman's Own® Awards provide funding toward innovative programs created to improve the quality of life for veterans.

Today, the organization named Kansas City's **Veterans Community Project** (VCP) a 2020 recipient. The organization will receive a \$30,000 grant in support of their national expansion efforts.

The foundation received 330 entries for the 2020 program and six judges evaluated each based on the organization's creativity, innovation and impact to the respective communities. Other recipients include: **Veterans Center for Job Training and Entrepreneurship, GI Go Fund; Warrior Wellness Solutions Program, Warrior Wellness Solutions; VCP National Expansion, Second Chance Cars, Inc. Program, Second Chance Cars, Inc.; New Military Spouse Support Program, Military Spouse Advocacy Network; and 'We Are Invictus' Ambassador Programme, Invictus Games Foundation.**

Newman's Own® Awards began in 1999 and have now awarded more than \$2.1 million across 185 non-profit programs.

The grant's name honors the legacy of Paul Newman, founder of Newman's Own, who sought to help make a difference in the lives of others. Paul, a Navy veteran, served in the Pacific during World War II. Later in life, he came up with his own line of salad dressings, pasta sauces, pizzas, salsas and much more and decided that all the profits from Newman's Own products would go to charities.

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