



**COMMUNITY PROJECT ACCOUNT**  
(Small, De Minimus Public Projects)

**APPLICATION**

1) Name of Project: City of Mauldin - Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Check Project Type:

Nonrecurring community requests for infrastructure:

Flooding

Roads

Lights

Sewer and drainage

Public buildings and grounds

Community Centers open to residents of Greenville County

Infrastructure related studies

Contractual agreements for social, recreational, and educational programs

Contributions to local governments in Greenville County for community projects

2) Amount of Funds Requested: \$2,500

3) Project Sponsor

Organization: City of Mauldin

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 249

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4) Contact Person:

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Council Representative(s) Dan Tripp

5) Project Timeline ~ Beginning: 10/4/2023 Ending: 12/19/23  
MONTH/DAY/YEAR MONTH/DAY/YEAR

6) Date Funds are Needed: 9/1/2023

7) Location of Project: City of Mauldin's Cultural Center's Veterans Memorial

8) Project Description: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

a. General Description: After Ceremony at Mauldin's Veteran Memorial, wreaths will be placed on graves of veterans at cemeteries within the City of Mauldin.

b. Benefit project will provide the Community: To remember, honor, and ensure that those veterans are not forgotten for their service and sacrifice.

c. Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9) Project Budget:

- a. Total Project Budget including all sources of funds: \$ 2,500
- b. Percent request equals of the total Project Budget? \_\_\_\_\_

List below all funding sources for this project:

Funding Source	Amount
Community Project Account	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

Dan Tripp  
Signature

8/7/23  
Date

Councilor Dist. 28  
Title

July 6, 2023

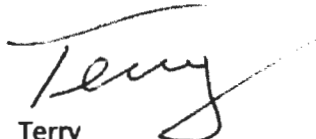
Chairman Tripp,

I just wanted to drop a quick note of appreciation and gratitude for your personal and financial support for last December's Wreaths Across America (WAA) event in the City of Mauldin. This was a first-time event for our city and the feedback has been extremely positive.

I would like to ask for your support again for this year's event. We plan to support at least three cemetery locations this year. Your financial support in the amount of \$2,500.00 would allow us to purchase 120 wreaths, along with the necessary expenses for sound system rental and advertising brochures and handouts to publicize the event.

Thank you for your consideration and participation in our 2023 WAA event.

Kindest regards,



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# WREATHS — across — AMERICA

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

FISCAL YEAR 2022

(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

TOTAL REVENUE PER 990

\$30,867,081

TOTAL EXPENSES PER 990

\$31,275,595

More than \$20million redistributed to non-profit and civic organizations since 2007.

## EMPLOYEE INFORMATION:

TOTAL STAFF: 41

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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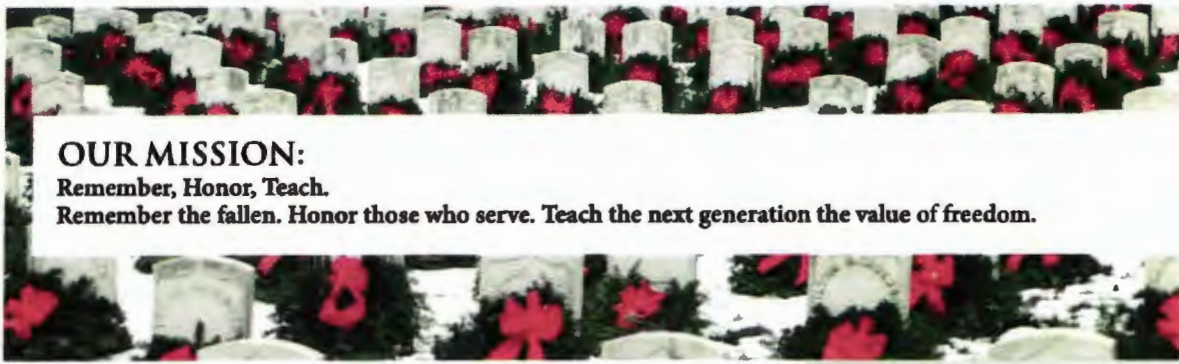
**Morrill Worcester**  
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Chairman of the  
Board of Directors



**Karen Worcester**  
Executive Director



## OUR MISSION:

Remember, Honor, Teach.

Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

## “SERVE AND SUCCEED”

### National Wreaths Across America Day

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023

Volunteers can get involved at any of the 3,700+ participating locations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and on foreign soil.



Join us and over 2 million volunteers nationwide in placing wreaths on veterans' headstones. Invite your family and friends to an experience you will never forget, as we take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to honor our service men and women and their families.

For a complete list of participating locations, visit [WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org)

### 2022 RECAP

- 2.7 million veterans' wreaths were placed in total across the country at 3,702 participating locations. More than two million volunteers helped place wreaths, a third of whom were children.
- At Arlington National Cemetery specifically, the Wreaths Across America program saw 68 tractor trailers deliver over 275,000 veterans' wreaths that were placed by nearly 28,000 volunteers.
- Over 644 truckloads of wreaths were delivered across the country by hundreds of volunteer professional truck drivers driving donated equipment and fuel from approximately 296 transportation partners.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

#### 1. Sponsor a Wreath

Honor veterans in your local community by sponsoring a wreath that will be placed on a veteran's grave. You choose the location. Groups can get involved as a fundraising project.

#### 2. Add a New Location

Coordinate a wreath-laying ceremony at a cemetery or veteran's memorial in your town. Determine if this location is already participating by checking our website. We have resources to help you plan your ceremony.

#### 3. Start a Sponsorship Group

Your civic, nonprofit, school or other group can help raise wreath sponsorships for Arlington or your local cemetery. A portion of the funds can be returned to help your group. We offer resources and assistance to ensure your success.

#### 4. Volunteer

Volunteer to place wreaths on a veteran's grave at any of our more than 3,700 participating locations. Involve your friends and family to honor our service men, women and families.

### FOUNDER

Morrill Worcester

### CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wayne Hanson

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Karen Worcester

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### GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every \$17 places a wreath to honor our veterans.

- Donation of trucking and transportation of wreaths
- Give your employees time to participate on National Wreaths Across America Day.

"We are not here to 'decorate graves.' We are here to remember not their deaths, but their lives." — Karen Worcester



## BACKGROUND & FAQ 2023

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a national nonprofit organization founded in 2007 to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992.

- 1992: First wreaths (5,000) donated by Morrill Worcester and Worcester Wreath
- 2005: Iconic photo of wreaths in snow became a viral sensation
- 2007: Wreaths Across America formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit\*
- 2012: Millionth wreath placed at Arlington National Cemetery
- 2014: For the first time, every headstone at Arlington National Cemetery received a wreath
- 2016: 25th year that veterans' wreaths were placed at Arlington National Cemetery
- 2018: Mission advances overseas with the first placement of 9,387 veterans' wreaths at Normandy-American Cemetery in France.
- 2021: Marked the 30<sup>th</sup> year that veterans' wreaths have been placed at Arlington National Cemetery.
- 2022: Expand to include more than 3,700 participating locations, every state and U.S. territory participates in National Wreaths Across America Day

WAA's yearlong mission is to **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those that serve, and **Teach** the next generation the value of freedom.

Since 2008, Congress proclaims a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day. This year, it will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023.**

*\*Organization governed by board of directors. Day-to-day operations managed by volunteer Executive Director Karen Worcester.*

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- WAA conducts several programs to honor our veterans, including our popular Thanks-A-Million campaign, which distributes free “I Owe You” cards to people all over the country to share with veterans as a simple thank-you for their service and a promise to give back.
- The organization participates in veterans’ events throughout the year as well as public outreach through Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs, Wreaths Across America Radio, in our monthly newsletters, in press coverage and on the website.
- The Wreaths Across America Museum located at the National Headquarters in Columbia Falls, Maine, showcases thousands of items that have been donated to Wreaths Across America over the decades. All donations help to provide insight and tell the greater story of the experiences of U.S. military personnel.
- Wreaths Across America has a veteran liaison on staff to work with local veterans’ organizations in Maine.

### **TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.**

- WAA is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. We offer lesson plans that are centered around character-based, service learning for grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>. Download these plans for free at [www.wreathsassamerica.org/TEACH](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/TEACH).
- The Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE) is a traveling classroom on wheels designed to inspire and educate all about the mission and those whose lives have been impacted by it. The goal of the exhibit is to bring local communities and our military together with education, stories, and interactive connections. To request the MEE come to your area, visit [www.wreathsassamerica.org/MEE](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/MEE).
- In 2022, WAA hosted the grand opening of its latest education project, the Gold Star Family History & Hospitality House. The historic home, which has been under renovations over the last five years, is located next door to the nonprofit’s national headquarters and National Museum in Maine. Each room has been decorated to represent a period in U.S. history associated with a military conflict. Stepping back in time in this beautiful home, while experiencing the lifestyle of the era and further learning personal stories of those who served in that time will be a history lesson to remember.