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### 2012 Clearing the Path Gala



On October 10, 2012, the Marshall Legacy Institute (MLI) celebrated our 15th Anniversary and hosted the Clearing the Path Gala at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington, DC to honor leaders whose extraordinary efforts have improved lives in war-torn countries. The event was a great success, celebrating everything that MLI has achieved over the past 15 years and recognizing some of our strongest supporters. We would like to extend special thanks to the Gala's Gold Title Sponsor, General Dynamics, for their unwavering generosity.

For a full list of all of the wonderful 2012 Gala sponsors, please [click here](#).

To see some of the fantastic photos from the evening, please [click here](#).

MLI is so grateful to everyone who generously contributed to the success of the Clearing the Path Gala, including the many sponsors, donors, and volunteers. For more information or to take part in the 2013 Clearing the Path Gala, scheduled for October 9, 2013, please contact Tycie Horsley at [tycie@marshall-legacy.org](mailto:tycie@marshall-legacy.org) or call 703-243-9200.



*MDD Jeckie takes a break from "sniffing out" mines to show off some of her other skills!*

MLI's Mine Detection Dog Program in Sri Lanka continues to be a great success! Just last month, the five active dog teams searched more than 3 acres of mine-contaminated land outside of the village of Chundikulam. The village is located along the north-eastern coast of Sri Lanka and is populated with fishermen who rely on access to the ocean to feed their families. Despite heavily concentrated areas of landmines, the people of Chundikulam were forced to venture into mine fields and contaminated beaches to access the water and maintain their livelihood. This area is now finally safe, thanks to the help of MLI's mine detection dogs (*MDDs Jeckie, Lil' Swoop, Spartacus, Yankee, and Madjesty*) and all of our generous donors who support this vital program.



Children in Sri Lanka living in an area that was recently cleared of mines

To assist in the wonderful work already being done, in October 2012, seven new mine detection dogs arrived in Sri Lanka to complete their training and bond with their handlers. Since 2004, MLI has donated 25 life-saving Mine Detection Dogs to Sri Lanka to "sniff out" landmines and return the land to the people for safe use. To view all of the dogs that are in Sri Lanka, including those that have retired, please [click here](#).

MLI would like to extend special thanks to the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) for sponsoring two of the MDDs: *MDD Karna* and *MDD Chand*. Four of the other MDDs were sponsored by an extremely generous anonymous foundation, and the seventh MDD was sponsored by the US Department of Defense.

MLI would like to thank all of our generous donors who continue to support the Mine Detection Dog Program in Sri Lanka!

**Seven New Mine Detection Dogs Arrive in Sri Lanka!**



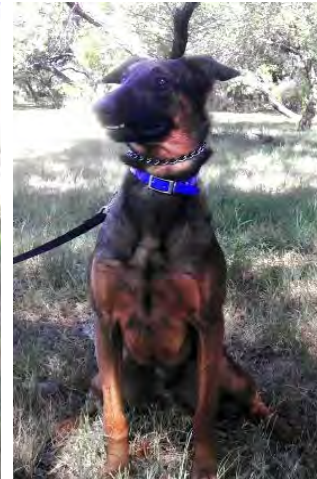
*MDD Bacchus*  
Sponsored by the Anonymous foundation



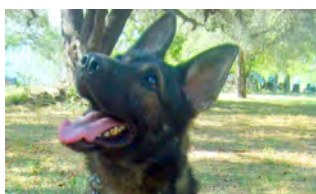
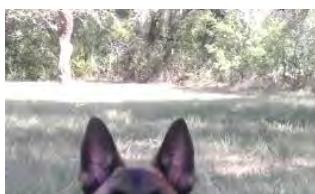
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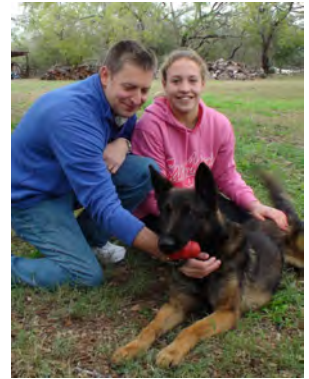


*MDD Chandi*  
Sponsored by the LSEG

## Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS): Update

MLI's Children Against Mines Program (CHAMPS) continues to do great work, raising awareness among American youth about the global landmine epidemic, and engaging kids in educational service-learning projects to help those living in mine-affected countries. CHAMPS inspires American children to not only explore the global landmine problem, but to also become part of the solution. Dedicated CHAMPS youth have sponsored 28 of MLI's 183 mine detection dogs (MDDs), while also raising money to help dozens of children who have been injured by landmines!

In 2011-2012, MLI's CHAMPS team gave 85 presentations at 58 schools, exposing more than **18,000 students and teachers** to the program and inspiring five new MDD and survivors' assistance campaigns. The CHAMPS team also taught 11 workshops, which engaged more than 800 teachers in three states and inspired four MDD and survivors' assistance campaigns. The team also attended five conferences for teachers and administrators, inspiring yet another MDD campaign. A total of six MDD campaigns were completed in 2011-2012 and another five campaigns are ongoing.



*MDD Kimberly* was sponsored by Ashley Parkinson and the schoolchildren of Greenwich, CT



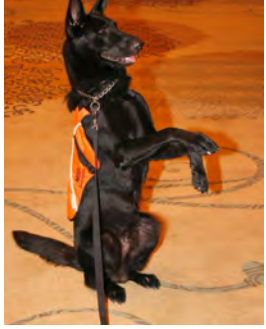
CHAMPS youth outside of Basra teach other children about the dangers of landmines

CHAMPS also links schools in the United States to 'sister' schools in countries ravaged by the effects of landmines. By using internet video messengers, such as Skype, the schoolchildren are able to discover more about each other, and the resulting empathy promotes a greater sense of cultural understanding. As part of the curriculum, schools in the mine afflicted countries 'adopt' young landmine survivors in their community and identify their needs, while the schools in the United States are then tasked with raising funds to provide assistance to the young survivor(s). Additionally, the CHAMPS teams in the mine-affected countries receive advanced Mine Risk Education (MRE) training and travel around the surrounding communities, giving presentations to local community groups to raise awareness about landmines.

More than 14,000 people have been reached through these MRE presentations in the past two years.

## Give the Gift of Hope this Season & Support MLI's Humanitarian Work!

Looking for presents for your friends & family? Give a Gift that Keeps on Giving and [Give](#)



[the Gift of Hope](#) this year! Choose meaningful gifts for people on your gift list, and in return, you will receive an attractive card with a description of your gift that can be presented to friends and/or family members. Order on-line by December 20th to receive your card(s) by December 25th.

MLI is one of 15 organizations participating in the Arlington Gifts that Give Hope Fair, so please scroll down the list on the Gifts that Give Hope website to MLI's name and click on it to place your order: <http://www.giftsthatgivehope.org/arlington>

Gift options include:

For [\\$25](#) - You can give the gift of support to a mine detection dog who can search up to 8,400 square feet of mine-contaminated land in a month

For [\\$50](#) - You can give the gift of medical care and prostheses for a child who has lost a limb(s) in a mine explosion

For [\\$75](#) - You can give the gift of vocational training to landmine survivors

Alternatively, in this season of giving, please consider supporting MLI's programs by making a general donation to our programs. All donations to MLI are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

If you have any questions, please contact Tycie Horsley at [tycie@marshall-legacy.org](mailto:tycie@marshall-legacy.org) or call 703-243-9200.



Your support for our programs saves lives every day. Thank you!

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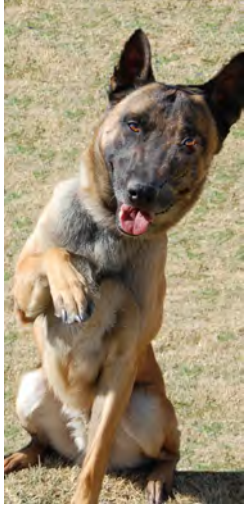
*MLI was given the top rating by independent Charity rating system, Charity Navigator*



*MLI was given the Guidestar Seal for our Commitment to Transparency*

**Follow MLI on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest for regular updates on our programs!**





Many thanks for your ongoing support as we work towards creating a safer and better world for all people and animals. Wishing you a great month ahead and a very happy New Year!

Warm regards,

The MLI Team

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