



Christmas SPIRIT Foundation
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Christmas SPIRIT Foundation Frequently Asked Questions

The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, charitable organization established in 2005 as the charitable branch of the National Christmas Tree Association, a trade association for the Real Christmas Tree industry. The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation works to support the true spirit of Christmas and keep Real Christmas Trees at the heart of the Christmas celebration.

What programs and services does the foundation provide?

To accomplish its mission, the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation administers the Trees for Troops program, which provides free, farm-grown Christmas Trees to armed forces members in all branches of the military and their families. The trees are donated and shipped overseas to troops in the Middle East or distributed to military families through United States military bases, at no cost to the recipients.

How is the foundation funded?

The work of the foundation is funded through donations, grants and sponsorships, and trees are shipped at no cost to the foundation via the generous in-kind support of FedEx. The foundation is a participant in the Combined Federal Campaign, which provides federal employees with a means to support worthwhile charities through the world's largest workplace giving program.

How much of the donations are used for programs?

More than 95 percent of CSF's revenues go toward providing the Trees for Troops program. The foundation is designated among the "Best in America" by the Independent Charities of America.

How can I support the foundation's efforts?

The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation's programs are only possible through the generous contributions of individuals and businesses. Here are some ways you can help:

- Donate funds or become a sponsor at www.christmasspiritfoundation.org or by phone at 636/449-5060.
- Double your donation: check with your company's human resources department to see if your company has a program to match your charitable donations.
- If you are a federal employee, select #12283 in the Combined Federal Campaign.
- When you purchase your family's Christmas Tree, ask your retailer if they are involved in Trees for Troops. Many Christmas Tree retailers accept donations for Trees for Troops.
- During Trees for Troops Weekend (generally the first weekend in December), visit a participating farm or retail location to purchase a Christmas Tree to donate, or make a monetary donation.

How can I learn more about the foundation and its efforts?

More information is available at www.christmasspiritfoundation.org or by calling 636/449-5060. You can also follow the foundation's activities on social media.

- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/trees4troops](https://twitter.com/trees4troops)
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- YouTube: www.youtube.com/ChristmasSPIRITFdn
- Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/trees4troops/