

# Charitable Service Trust receives top rating

With charitable spending under intense scrutiny, especially among groups serving veterans, DAV remains confident in its responsible fiscal management. And so does one of the nation's most credible resources on charitable practices.

Charity Navigator—America's largest independent charity evaluator—has once again granted its coveted four-star rating to DAV's Charitable Service Trust (Trust) for "sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency." The Trust has received the 4-star rating 11 times since first being evaluated 12 years ago.

In a letter from the watchdog's president, the Trust was commended for its efficient, ethical and open practices.

"Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way," Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher wrote of the Trust, which supports physical and psychological rehabilitation programs that provide direct services to ill and injured veterans.

Programs supported by the Trust typically include providing food, shelter and other necessary items to homeless or at-risk veterans; accessibility or mobility items for veterans with vision or hearing impairments; therapeutic activities; physical and psychological activities for rehabilitation and other forms of direct service for veterans and their families.

"This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates the DAV Charitable Service Trust from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust,"

said Trust president Dick Marbes. “Those generously supporting these programs can do so knowing their support is making a difference the way they rightfully expect.”

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