



Brief overview of Gold Star family run  
Connecticut-based charity

# MISSION:

- Connecticut charity honors the dream of a fallen Connecticut Soldier killed in Iraq by distributing soccer balls to underprivileged children worldwide
- Balls largely distributed through deployed service members or American consulates
- The charitable organization has distributed 49,072 balls in 42 countries since 2006

# FOUNDATION:

- The Kick For Nick Foundation Inc. is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization (EIN 74-3255044)
- It is registered as a Connecticut Public Charity (CHR.0052019)
- It is operated by his parents Bill and Shalini Madaras in their home in Wilton, CT

# PFC Nicholas A. Madaras

- Deployed in 2006 to Iraq with the 1st BN, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd BCT of the 4th ID. He was a driver in the BN PSD.
- During mid-deployment leave, Nick mentioned to his dad Bill Madaras the poor state of Iraq and how children played soccer with rag balls
- Killed in IED ambush in Baqubah in September 2006



# MISSION SUPPORT:

- Collect and donate new or used soccer balls ([kickfornick.org](http://kickfornick.org))
- Donate funds ([kickfornick.org](http://kickfornick.org))
- Support the seventh annual *New Haven Kick For Nick Night* fundraiser on October 20, 2017 at Trinity Bar & Restaurant ([kickfornick.eventbrite.com](http://kickfornick.eventbrite.com))
  - Support can include donating soccer balls, funds, or event-day staffing
  - Event organized by the All-American Veterans of Foreign Wars New Haven Post 12150



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