Drug Awareness Education:

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the U.S.

Programs We Use to Teach Children Drug Awareness:

◊ **Elroy the Elk**, program mascot, teaches young kids that hugs are better than drugs

◊ Older kids are taught effects of alcohol consumption by wearing **fatal vision goggles**

◊ Hand out **anti-drug literature** to kids, parents, & teachers

◊ **Drug Awareness Education Trailers** stocked with brochures, pamphlets, videos, PSAs, stickers, bookmarks, coloring books, crayons, & pens brought to fairs, events, etc.

◊ Annual **poster** and **essay contests**

◊ **Red Ribbon Week**
Army of Hope Mission:
To provide aid assistance to the families of deceased, disabled, & deployed members of the military in Florida

Eligible Recipients:
⇒ Families of Florida active duty military personnel, military reservists, Coast Guard, National Guard, and/or their dependents
⇒ An active duty member stationed in Florida with his or her dependents would qualify as a Florida resident

What We Do:
⇒ Help seriously maimed & injured veterans return to society & daily life activities by:
  — covering medical treatments not already covered for them such as wheelchairs, crutches, etc.
⇒ Aid families that have lost a family member in an Iraq or Afghanistan combat zone
⇒ Aid families with a temporary financial need when the military member of a family is away on duty

What We Help With:

- School lunches
- Medical or dental emergencies (not covered by insurance)
- Car payments
- Minor home repairs (plumbing, painting, etc.)
- Auto repairs or transportation when needed
- Fulltime or backup babysitting
- Phone cards to call loved ones
- Lawn mowing, landscaping, sprinkler repairs
- A/C & major appliance repairs (water heaters, washers/dryers, etc.)
- Clothing, shoes
2 Major Elks Scholarship Programs:

**HOPE Scholarship**

Mission Statement:
To provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

- $30,000 awarded annually

**Elks National Foundation Scholarships**

- Provides more than $3.64 million in college scholarships
- Most Valuable Student Scholarships:
  - 500 4-year scholarships ranging from $1,000 - $15,000 per year
- Legacy Awards: merit based awards of $1,000 a year for 4 years for children and grandchildren of Elks
- Emergency Educational Grants:
  - one-year grants for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks