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# Wedding Bells Ring With Spirit Of Giving

*By Exec. Dir. Sarah Weadon, The MASTERS*

Undoubtedly 2020 has brought many emotions to brides and grooms across the country as COVID-19 has forced postponements, scaled-down guest lists, and social distancing at occasions where distancing is the farthest thing from anyone's mind. However, one couple began their married journey focusing on others rather than themselves. Nothing could extinguish their love of charity and spirit of giving on their wedding day.

Trooper Easton R. Corcoran (F) and Ms. Brittney Marshall were married Friday, August 7, 2020. If you searched the wedding registries hoping to find the perfect gift for the couple, you were unable to find their names there. Rather than following the normal tradition of creating a registry, Easton and Brittney asked would-be gift givers to donate to charity. When asked what led them to their decision Easton said, "When we were planning our wedding, we decided we already possessed most of the things we needed, and gifts would simply be things of excess for us. Brittney and I both like the idea of raising support for the things we care about. Brittney chose to contact Granny's House, an organization out of Columbia

which provides educational experiences to youth living in government housing for a list of items they could have donated, and I decided I would like to raise funds for the MASTERS."

Brittney has been a volunteer at Granny's House for two years. Easton describes Brittney is an amazing person with a heart of gold, and someone who has always had a passion for charity.

"I have been fortunate to grow up in a law enforcement household," he said. (His father has had a 20+ year career in law enforcement with the Greene County Sheriff's Office.) During that time, Easton recalls two deputies from his father's agency were killed while on duty: Gary D. McCormack, EOW Oct. 6, 2007, and Aaron Roberts, EOW Sept. 7, 2018. "Those events had an impact on my life. Having seen the firsthand impact of the loss of a first responder in the line of duty, I can't imagine a greater cause to donate to," said Tpr. Corcoran.

Brittney and Easton both attended Republic High School in Republic, MO, where they met. They started dating in

high school and have dated for the past six years. Brittney went to Mizzou for her undergraduate degree with a major in biology, and she began medical school at Mizzou last year. The couple spent most of those six years seeing each other on weekends as Easton attended college in St. Louis, then Springfield. Once Easton began training as a recruit at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy, they appreciated finally being in the same vicinity.

Members of the MASTERS are grateful of the Corcorans' generous choice. We receive donations for varying reasons, but this is the first time we have received donations in honor of a marriage where the couple chose our charity in lieu of wedding gifts. Our mission is the same today as it was in 1979: To assist the families of members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who have fallen in the line of duty. Through their spirit of giving, Easton and Brittney truly exemplify a Patrol family helping Patrol families.

Congratulations Trooper and Mrs. Easton Corcoran. May you be blessed with a lifetime of happiness!