



ROBERT (ROBBIE) BERGQUIST BIOGRAPHY

- Birthday:** Jan. 2, 1992
Education: 2014 graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Boston, Mass. with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management
Hometown: Norwell, Mass.
Volunteer: Co-Founder & Director, Cell Phones For Soldiers
Interests: Soccer, golf, sailing, track, baseball, basketball, hockey, travel

At the early age of 12, Robbie Bergquist's community generosity began to take shape when he partnered with his sister, Brittany, to co-found [Cell Phones For Soldiers®](#) in 2004. Cell Phones For Soldiers provides cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans. For more than a decade, the Bergquists' efforts have provided troops with more than 216 million minutes of FREE talk time with their calling card program, Minutes That Matter.

In 2012, the Bergquists' launched Helping Heroes Home, a new initiative of Cell Phones For Soldiers that provides emergency funds for returning veterans to alleviate communication challenges as well as physical, emotional and assimilation hardships and has since served more than 2,800 veterans.

Bergquist, now 23, and a recent graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst is excited to devote more time to the growth and promotion of Cell Phones For Soldiers. As co-founder and director of Cell Phones For Soldiers, Bergquist travels both nationally and internationally for media appearances, speaking engagements and more. In addition to running a nonprofit, Bergquist spent a summer interning with General Motors and studied abroad for the spring 2013 semester at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.



In 2011, Bergquist was honored with the Jefferson Award for Public Service. He also is the recipient of community service honors to include: 2015 Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, Young Nonprofit Professional: Forging the Future, 2014 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award, Banking on Youth Award, D.A.R. Community Northeast Service Award, D.A.R. Youth Leader Award, Build-a-Bear Huggable Hero Award, Kohl's Kids Who Care, AT&T National Scholarship Award, Microsoft/USO Youth Leader Award, Next Step "Super Teen", National Conference on Citizenship Award, Angel Soft Angel's In Action Award.

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