



BRITTANY BERGQUIST BIOGRAPHY

Birthday: Nov. 28, 1990
Education: Senior, Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass.
Major: Marketing, focus in nonprofit
Hometown: Norwell, Mass.
Volunteer: Co-Founder & Director, Cell Phones for Soldiers
Interests: Volunteering, swimming, baking, arts and crafts, sailing, bowling, physical fitness

As a small child, Brittany Bergquist was not your average kid. A child of two public educators, Bergquist's philanthropic initiatives began early. Her first act of giving consisted of 10 inches of her hair for Locks of Love. By age 13, Bergquist's ambition and generosity began to shape her life. In 2004, together with her brother, Robbie, Bergquist co-founded Cell Phones for Soldiers, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization with a mission to provide cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans. To date, the Bergquists' efforts have provided troops with 181 million minutes of FREE talk time and prevented more than 10.8 million cell phones from ending up in landfills.

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.



Now, age 22 and a senior at Stonehill College, Bergquist spends her free time improving the quality of life for thousands of servicemen and women. As co-founder and director of Cell Phones for Soldiers, Bergquist travels both nationally and internationally for media appearances, speaking engagements and more. At Stonehill, she is a civic ambassador for the college and is working on her bachelor's degree in marketing with a concentration in nonprofit management. During the summer of 2011, she interned at General Motors where she worked on the GM Military Discount program. Last summer, she worked as an executive stores intern for Target and is currently interning with the Boston Bruins in their Community Relations Department.

Bergquist is the recipient of the 2011 Jefferson Award for public service and the 2011 SELF Magazine Women Doing Good Award. In 2010, she received the Amway Positivity Award. Her 2009 community service honors include Massachusetts Conference for Women Be the Change Award, L'Oreal Paris Woman of Worth Award, Sally Hansen/Glamour Magazine Best of You Award, AT&T Scholarship, Build-A-Bear Huggable Hero Award, D.A.R. National Youth Award, D.A.R. Northeast Region Youth Award, Best Buy @ 15 Scholarship, Prudential Spirit of Community Award, VFW Voice of Democracy, Abigail and John Adams Scholar, Prudential Spirit of Community Award, Comcast Leaders and Achievers Award, AXA Achievement Award, VFW Voice of Democracy.

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