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As the Building Environmental Services Supervisor at University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, Jack Waters ensures that the facilities are safe, clean and secure for teachers, staff and students. While Waters' efforts are notable, he is being recognized for his support of local nonprofits through charity-focused motorcycle rides.

Since 2010, Waters has played a major role in coordinating the annual Ride for Angels for Hospice of Davidson County. The event attracts hundreds of motorcyclists and is a major fundraiser for the organization. From 2011-14, Waters spearheaded the Josh Harris Veterans' Festival in honor of U.S. Navy SEAL and Lexington native Josh Harris, who was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2008. Funds raised each year benefitted families at the Fort Bragg Fisher House, a temporary home for families visiting injured soldiers, and Give to the Troops, an organization that sends care packages to soldiers in combat areas. Waters' involvement with the Harris family continued when he collaborated with filmmaker and University of North Carolina School of the Arts graduate Joe Cornelius to create a documentary about Harris. Waters shared the film with Lexington Senior High students and others in the community.

His commitment to veterans and their families continues with his latest motorcycle community event, Big Bikes for Purple Hearts. Funds donated to the Northwest Piedmont Purple Heart Foundation support an annual dinner to honor Purple Heart veterans and Gold Star families. The dinner, supported by local law enforcement, businesses and veterans' groups, recognizes many aging veterans, including those who served in World War II or Korea.



Jack Waters works tirelessly to help those in his community and inspires others to do the same. By incorporating motorcycle rides into his charity work, he draws a diverse group of supporters dedicated to helping those in need.