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## Wounded Warrior Project Serves More Than 400 Through Its Independence Program Innovative Program Supports This Generation's Most Seriously Injured Veterans

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (August 25, 2015) – Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is officially serving more than 400 of this generation's most seriously injured veterans and their caregivers through its Independence Program (IP), an innovative program created to help injured service members and veterans design their own paths from surviving to thriving.

IP is a partnership between WWP, the warrior, and his or her family or caregiver, and is uniquely structured to adapt to their ever-changing needs. IP pairs warriors who rely on their families and/or caregivers because of moderate-to-severe brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, or other neurological conditions with a specialized case manager to develop a personalized plan to restore meaningful levels of activity, purpose, and independence into their daily lives. For many, this is an opportunity to participate in the types of daily tasks and meaningful activities others take for granted.

"We are committed to honoring this generation of injured service members and veterans to ensure they receive the care, attention, and support they deserve as they heal and integrate back into their homes and communities – and we're not just committed for today or tomorrow, but for a lifetime," said Mike Richardson, independence services and mental health executive vice president at WWP. "The individualized, specialized support that each warrior in the Independence Program receives helps ensure they are able to live as rewarding and independent lives as possible. The growth of this program is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our warriors and teammates to strive toward that goal."

The WWP Independence Services programs – IP and the Long-Term Support Trust (LTST) – focus on providing long-term support to the most seriously injured service members and veterans. The LTST was established to ensure supplemental services, including life-skills training, home care, transportation, and additional resources can remain available to warriors in IP in the event their caregivers are no longer able to provide care and support. Since the two programs' inception, WWP has committed more than \$65.4 million to the long-term support of our most seriously injured veterans.

To learn more about the Independence Program or other free services and programs provided by WWP, contact the WWP Resource Center at 888.WWP.ALUM (888.997.2586) or [resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org).

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### **About Wounded Warrior Project**

The mission of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. WWP's purpose is to raise awareness of, and to enlist the public's aid in meeting, the needs of injured service members; to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist one another; and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. To get involved or learn more, visit [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

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