WWP News & Media: Veteran Group Outings, Charity Events, Helping Vets

Veterans' Charity Connects Warriors Through Community Service

PHOENIX, Sept. 8, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Injured veterans helped supply hygiene kits to homeless veterans in public shelters during a distribution drive with Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP). They worked together with 22 Until None, which is dedicated to ending veteran suicide.

"I am always looking for ways to volunteer and help out my local community," said **Rocio Vidal.** "As an Air Force veteran, I know we face unique challenges outside of our service and volunteering my time to 22 Until None and Wounded Warrior Project was very close to my heart. I bring my 9-year-old daughter to events like this, so she can understand how important it is to help others."

22 Until None helps struggling veterans by offering things like emergency financial assistance and buddy visits.

"I wanted to <u>volunteer my time for other veterans</u>," said Air Force veteran Jennifer Baxter. "I enjoyed chatting with the other warriors at the event."

"I enjoyed working in an assembly line of volunteers," Rocio said. "There were children and couples there to help out. The event was at a beautiful park that I hadn't been to before, and it was a nice change of scenery. There was no pressure. Everyone was welcoming and friendly."

WWP program events like this serve as an opportunity for wounded warriors to connect with their community while feeling empowered through helping others.

"Wounded Warrior Project is not only a great source for assistance for anything I might be struggling with, but it's also a great opportunity to connect with fellow veterans," Jennifer said. "I feel like Wounded Warrior Project is my new military family."

"My transition from the service was difficult," Rocio said, "but Wounded Warrior Project gave me opportunities to meet new people and regain my confidence. I've learned to weld, paddleboard, and drive a race car. I can't imagine having these opportunities otherwise, and what makes it better, is the camaraderie we establish."

WWP has been connecting, serving, and empowering wounded warriors for 15 years. To learn more, visit <a href="http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org">http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org</a>.

## **About Wounded Warrior Project**

Since 2003, Wounded Warrior Project<sup>®</sup> (WWP) has continued meeting the growing needs of warriors, their families, and caregivers – helping them achieve their highest ambition. Learn more: <a href="http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/about-us">http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/about-us</a>.

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