Wounded Warrior Project Investing $160 Million in Veteran Mental Health Care

Veterans Charity Providing Treatment for Warriors Nationwide

NEW YORK, Oct. 23, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) announced a $160 million investment in the mental health care of wounded veterans at a news conference aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum this morning.

WWP CEO Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Mike Linnington joined veterans, special guests, and WWP leadership to announce the five-year extension and expansion of Warrior Care Network®.

"We're grateful to be able to help warriors access world-class mental health treatment," said Linnington, WWP CEO. "We're humbled by the support of the nation that allows us to commit to this care."

WWP is transforming the way America's injured veterans are empowered, employed, and engaged in our communities. Since its inception in 2003, WWP has evolved from an organization delivering backpacks to injured veterans at hospital bedsides, to one that delivers lifesaving programs in mental health, veteran career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care.

WWP launched Warrior Care Network® in January 2016 with the goal of addressing the invisible wounds of war – post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). With the help of its four academic medical center partners, Warrior Care Network provides a year's worth of mental health care in intensive 2- to 3-week programs. Warrior Care Network partner programs are Operation Mend, at UCLA Health; the Veterans Program at Emory Healthcare; Road Home at Rush University Medical Center; and Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program.

"The early impact of Warrior Care Network has proven to be very promising in treating wounded veterans for PTSD," said Lt. Col. (Ret.) Mike Richardson, WWP vice president of independence services and mental health. "We are now ready to increase the number of warriors treated across the nation."

About Wounded Warrior Project

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

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For further information: To access a feed of the live news conference, please contact Rob Louis, rlouis@woundedwarriorproject.org, 904.627.0432

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