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Guaranteed Rate Supports Wounded Warrior Project with Multimillion-Dollar Donation



## \$1,850,769

FOR WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Dec. 6, 2021) – <u>Guaranteed Rate</u>, a retail mortgage lending and digital financial services company, partnered with Wounded Warrior Project<sup>®</sup> (WWP) and two other charities during its first <u>Mental Health</u> <u>Week</u> to support nonprofits focused on mental health. Through donations from its employees and supporters, Guaranteed Rate raised \$1,850,769 to support WWP's free mental health programs available to injured veterans and their families.

"Addressing the invisible wounds of war and empowering warriors with resources they need to face them is one of our greatest priorities," said WWP CEO Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Mike Linnington. "Guaranteed Rate's exceptional support during their campaign not only raised crucial support for these services but also shined the light on the life-saving work we're doing for injured veterans and their families."

The week-long campaign featured daily discussions with company ambassadors and mental health experts, including UFC strawweight champion <u>Rose Namajunas</u>. The fighter spoke with WWP Vice President of Physical Health and Wellness James Herrera, and Guaranteed Rate President and CEO Victor Ciardelli about the benefits of eating healthy and maintaining a well-balanced life.

Guaranteed Rate dedicated a \$3-for-\$1 match for all donations during the week, meaning for every \$1 donated, \$4 was raised for mental health services. The initiative also benefitted the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Project Healthy Minds.

"We did a lot of research on mental health organizations and chose to support Wounded Warrior Project because they are making a real difference in the lives of veterans and their families," said Ciardelli.

In a WWP survey of the wounded warriors it serves, almost all warriors (93%) reported experiencing a severe mental injury during their military service, and 83% reported experiencing more than one. WWP offers free mental health programs to warriors and their families, including <u>WWP Talk</u>, <u>Project Odyssey</u>, and <u>Warrior Care</u> <u>Network®</u>. Warriors and their families never pay a penny for any WWP program or service; they already paid their dues on the battlefield.

Learn more about the programs and services WWP offers and how you can get involved.

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## **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.

## **About Guaranteed Rate Companies**

The Guaranteed Rate Companies includes Guaranteed Rate, Inc., one of the top 5 retail mortgage lenders in the United States, Guaranteed Rate Affinity, LLC, and Proper Rate, LLC. Headquartered in Chicago, Guaranteed Rate Companies combined funded over \$73 billion in 2020 and have more than 10,000 employees in over 850 offices across the United States. Founded in 2000 and located in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., Guaranteed Rate has helped homeowners nationwide with home purchase loans and refinances. The company has established itself as an industry leader by introducing innovative technology, offering low rates and delivering unparalleled customer service. In 2017, the company launched Guaranteed Rate Affinity, LLC, a mortgage origination joint venture between Guaranteed Rate, Inc. and Realogy Holdings Corp. (NYSE: RLGY), a global leader in residential real estate franchising and brokerage. In 2020, the company launched Proper Rate, LLC, a mortgage origination joint venture between Guaranteed Rate, Inc. and @properties, one of the nation's largest residential brokerage firms. Collectively, the Guaranteed Rate Companies have earned numerous honors and awards including: Forbes Advisor's Top 10 Mortgage Lenders for 2021; Best Mortgage Lender for Online Loans and Best Mortgage Lender for Refinancing by NerdWallet for 2021; 2018 Top Lender for Online Service by U.S. News & World Report; HousingWire's 2020 Tech100 award for the company's industry-leading FlashClose<sup>SM</sup> technology; No. 3 ranking in Scotsman Guide's 2021 list of Top Retail Mortgage Lenders; Chicago Agent Magazine's Lender of the Year for six consecutive years; and Chicago Tribune's Top Workplaces list for seven consecutive years. Visit rate.com for more information.

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