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This is our second quarter 2107 newsletter to update you on some of the things taking place at Returning Heroes Home and the Warrior and Family Support Center. First and foremost, **thank you for your support** in our efforts to serve wounded, ill and injured Service Members and their Families at the Warrior and Family Support Center (WFSC) on Ft Sam Houston, Texas!

We are excited that we met our fundraising goal for the shade cover for the WFSC amphitheater in Freedom Park and we continue our efforts with the Army leaders on Ft. Sam to gain local approvals prior to sending our proffer to the Secretary of the Army. Big thank you to the Fisher foundation for their generosity! Although the Alamo Run Fest was canceled due to inclement weather, we still received a large check from HEB! Plus, we participated in The Big Give in May and raised nearly \$4500. Watch for this fundraising event next year, it's a wonderful opportunity to give to your favorite non-profit - RHH! We are thrilled that Brazos Valley Cares gave us a very generous grant in May and we look forward to attending their spring 2018 fundraising gala! The M-1 Class of 1960 of the United States Army Military Academy (West Point) have been so interested in the needs of the WFSC and they, along with the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust have been sustaining supporters of our mission. Words cannot express our gratitude for **all** the donations and grants we received this past quarter.

We are honored to assist with programs at the WFAC such as Massage Therapy, Gentle Yoga, the Children's book and Reading Program, the Digital Entertainment Library, gardening support, parties and activities. Nothing lifts your spirits as seeing the good that comes from the generosity of many.

RHH has taken part in quite a few events this past quarter. We celebrated in Conroe, Texas by attending their Armed Forces Day Fly-In event. We were joined by LTC (Ret) Tabitha Turner, a former recipient of the services at the WFSC. She gave a heartwarming a speech about her experience and how the support provided at the WFSC helped her through her recovery. The next event was a Memorial Day event in Austin, Texas attended by Board Members Steve Fogle, COL (Ret) Art Downey and Lieutenant General, US Army (Ret) Glynn Mallory. General Mallory gave a beautiful, well received speech. Earlier in May, Board Member, Dr. Roxana Delgado gave a personal speech about the challenges and rewards of being a caregiver. She spoke in a session of the San Antonio City Council in their chambers. That same day, the SA City Council signed a resolution for San Antonio to be a "Hidden Hero City" in honor of the heroism and sacrifices of the caregivers. Lastly, our Board along with the staff at the WFSC, honored the memory of Mr. Phil Reidinger, the "Voice of Ft. Sam Houston", by planting two trees on the WFSC grounds in a dedication ceremony. They were joined by Phil's wife, sons, family members and colleagues of Phil's. Phil used his "voice" to successfully get the WFSC name and mission out to the public.

We are working on our social media activity and hope you "like" us on Facebook under Returning Heroes Home and follow us on Instagram under [returning\\_heroes\\_home](#). Also, if you use Amazon, please consider making your purchases on Amazon Smile. When you do, identify Returning Heroes Home as your preferred non-profit, the link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/71-1025698> we will receive a percentage of your purchase total – good for us, good for you! Thank you for your compassion, your generosity, and your patriotism.

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