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Hello All,

We at Returning Heroes Home wanted to take an opportunity to update you on some of the things taking place within our organization. First and foremost, we thank you for your support in our efforts to continue to serve wounded, ill and injured Service Members and their Families at the Warrior and Family Support Center (WFSC). Whether it is by a small or large donation or simply dedicating time at the WFSC, it makes an impact on the lives of these Service Members and their families.

Some of the programs your donations support include but are not limited to: massage therapy, gentle yoga and book and reading for children, as well as special events like the Spring Fling and the Christmas party. Furthermore, we are proud of our support to Narrative Therapy for PTSD and our role in the upcoming women's conference. We have also assisted with improvements to the Center which have included upgrading and enhancing the therapeutic gardens, repairing after storm damage to the trees and landscaping as well as building a shade structure over the playground. One of the upcoming projects that we are most excited about is improving and increasing the shade over the amphitheater so that more people can enjoy it and be outside for more activities!

We have also increased our social media activity and marketing. We created an Instagram account which can be found under returning\_heroes\_home. Plus, we have vamped up our efforts on Facebook to get more people engaged. In addition, we have created an Amazon Smile account which can be accessed by using the following link: <u>https://smile.amazon.com/ch/71-1025698</u>. This is beneficial because now you can shop as you normally would on Amazon through this link and a portion of the proceeds will go to Returning Heroes Home!

Lastly, we are very excited about the Alamo Run Fest! This year, we are going to be the primary beneficiary so we are encouraging people to get involved by registering for the Run and creating a Team under our organization so that they can "Run for a Reason". Please contact Lani Wallace if you have any questions about the Alamo Run Fest at 210-461-4411. Once again, we appreciate your continued support and belief in our organization and mission!

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