



## 2006/2007 Annual Report

November 7, 2007

Indomitable Spirit. It is this splendidly infectious characteristic that has been a beacon for Hope For The Warriors™' first year of service. From the tiny whispering of ideas between friends to a full blown array of programs geared to build a foundation of hope for the new generation of wounded warriors and their families, Hope For The Warriors™ has blossomed amidst the generosity of countless individuals and corporations who are strengthened by the amazing resolve of our wounded warriors and share the belief that no sacrifice should be forgotten nor need unmet. Throughout each step it has been an honor to play a small part in rebuilding the lives of those who have sacrificed in the name of liberty. It is a mission that we have embraced with a great sense of responsibility and humility; always learning from those we serve in an effort to continue to meet ever growing and changing needs.

As an organization, it has been and continues to be Hope For The Warriors™' esteemed privilege to provide for immediate needs and to assist with long-term goals beyond recovery. To date, \$102,539.55 has been expended to meet the short-term needs of families in the early stages of recovery, to include: transportation, clothing, adaptive equipment, household modifications, and non-medical necessities for rehabilitative therapy at home, to name a few. Also addressing immediate needs, \$40,932.99 has been dedicated thus far to providing Wounded Warriors and their families with transitional and adaptive lodging through the Warrior House™ Program. Over 40 families have been assisted since doors opened, with stays ranging from 2 to 30 days. In addition, \$30,000 has been expended in support of the Wounded Warrior Barracks and Wounded Warrior Spouse Support Group at Camp Lejeune and the Wounded Warrior Center at Camp Pendleton.

To support long-term goals and dreams of the Wounded Warriors and their families, \$120,710.37 has so far been put to work in granting A Warrior's Wish™ for severely wounded service members, allowing them to find new or renewed fulfillment in life gratifying endeavors and recapture personal connections that had been disrupted by deployments and the injuries. Realizing that it can be the caregiver who carries the burden of future financial stability, Hope For The Warriors awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to spouses of the wounded and fallen, with a pledge to award \$20,000 biannually into the future. In addition another \$7,132.46 was paid in specialized scholarships for the children of the wounded and fallen, who participated in programs such as Outdoor Odyssey at Roaring Run, and National Military Family Association's Operation Purple Camp. Further, \$13,190.45 was dedicated to providing Wounded Warriors an opportunity for career growth through Military Warrior Support Foundation's Operation Real Transition.

Such accomplishments and exponential growth in Hope For The Warriors™' first year can only be attributed to the amazing support of our donors and volunteers who have risen to a call to serve those who do not falter in the face of adversity. Following 9-11, the resilience of the American people resonated around the world as individuals and corporations alike united in

an effort to support each other through a crisis meant to shake our very core. We have risen to the challenge in the weeks and months following that ominous day, and that devotion remains strong in the support today's wounded and fallen service members and their families receive through Hope For The Warriors™ and the many organizations that unite to provide an encompassing approach to care. Individuals and Corporations have dedicated unprecedented resources. WWII vets, all too familiar with an attack on US soil, pass on the wisdom and emotional courage of their years. Vietnam Vets, reach above past atrocities, resolved to ensure that returning service members will not suffer the isolation and disregard of their generation. These sage service men and women greet our generation of warriors with a tear in their eye, a unique understanding of the sacrifices they bear and the hope and knowledge that a better life awaits them. The new generation of Wounded Warriors, themselves, also lead the way through their example in "paying forward" support offered to them.

We respectfully salute you all and humbly offer our gratitude for the precious gift of strength you impart. Furthermore, we offer a pledge that the heartfilled example you have set will continue to be carried forward in an effort to create hope for generations to come. To that end, Hope For The Warriors™, will continue its mission to enhance quality of life for US Service Members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty, actively seeking to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet, particularly with regard to the short and long-term care of the severely injured.

In dedicated service,

*Robin Kelleher*

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Hope For The Warriors  
President

### Highlights/Accomplishments

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| July 7, 2006  | Hope For The Warriors incorporated as a 501 c 3 non profit organization  |
| November 2006 | Wounded Warrior Spouse Appreciation Reception held and first Scholarship Recipients awarded<br>Scholarships were named in dedication to Mrs. Bonnie Amos, Mrs. Karin Dickerson, Mrs. Shannon Maxwell and in honor of Mrs. Judy Pitchford   |
| March 2007    | In partnership with Atlantic Marine Corps Communities and Actus Lend Lease, Warrior House™ I and II and Warrior House™ Resource Center opened doors to first guests.   |
| May 2007      | Hope For The Warriors™' second annual Run For The Warriors™, honoring wounded warriors and their families held in Camp Lejeune with over 3,000 participants and 1,000 spectators. Satellite races also held for the first time in Iraq with 1000 participants and in Virginia Beach with over 100 adolescent participants. |

Vice President, Shannon Maxwell, awarded the President's Call To Service Award by President George W. Bush for her work with Hope For The Warriors™ and the families of the wounded.

June 2007 Hope For The Warriors™ recognized for its volunteer service and awarded a \$10,000 grant through the Newman's Own Award.

THROUGHOUT Our greatest achievements are found in the service we are able to provide in the lives of the first Wounded Warrior who requested our assistance and every one since and those to come. Through financial support and advocacy, Hope For The Warriors has physically and emotionally aided countless wounded warriors and family members representing all services, across the nation. Their smiles and re-energized hope are the highlights of each and every day.

### Mission Forward

1. Fundraising efforts by Hope For The Warriors™ surpassed one million dollars in August 2007, launching a new goal to raise \$17,000,000 in 2007/2008 to continue existing programs and fund the new Warrior Hope and Care Center aboard Camp Lejeune, which will augment hospital services and provide centralized access to rehabilitative care, to include aquatherapy.
2. The architectural firm of Faulkenberry and Associates has started work on the blue prints for the Warrior Hope & Care Center. The Care Center website is due for release in December 2007. All marketing materials and video for the Care Center will be available in late November 2007.
3. Hope For The Warriors™ will continue to expand personalized support which began with the extension of representatives over the summer, now supporting the states of Virginia, Maryland, New York, California, Texas, Colorado and North Carolina. By March 2008, we will include Rhode Island.
4. The newly designed and user friendly Hope For The Warriors™ website will be unveiled in early November 2007.
5. Hope For The Warriors™' "Team Wounded Warrior", which brought 110 participants, including five wounded warriors to 2007 Marine Corps Marathon, raising over \$140,000 as a team, will be renamed "Team Hope For The Warriors" and will work to build a team twice the size, with greater opportunities for Wounded Warriors and family members to complete athletic goals.
6. Hope For The Warriors™ will continue to expand its Immediate Needs program giving special attention to the needs of the caregivers experiencing financial distress while giving up jobs and relocating to care for wounded family members.
7. In continuing to build our corporate partner base, we are honored to have established and have the opportunity to nurture relationships with Philip Morris, Burger King and AT&T.
8. Negotiations are under way with a professional athlete interested in supporting the Warrior Wish program.

9. Hope For The Warriors™ has been named the benefitting non-profit organization of choice by New Nashville Record Label, with upcoming albums launching mid year.

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