

Wounded Warriors at Nebo

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This newsletter covers activities in the 4th quarter of 2020.

Change

Saying “Our World Has Changed” is like saying “Texas gets a little warm July thru September. But, just as individuals and businesses have been adapting to these changes, so has Wounded Warriors at Nebo. It became evident a few months into the pandemic that this was not going to be a short-term thing and our ability to hold weekend and day events in the foreseeable future was nonexistent. And there would be limited face-to-face personal interaction as in the past. We began to wonder if this was God telling us that it was time to close the ministry. But God answered us by continuing to touch people’s hearts so they would continue supporting the ministry through their donations. Therefore, we needed to find new ways to help the brave men and women both active duty and retired who have sacrificed so much for us. Thankfully there are several retired military on our board that could relate to those we want to serve which was very helpful.

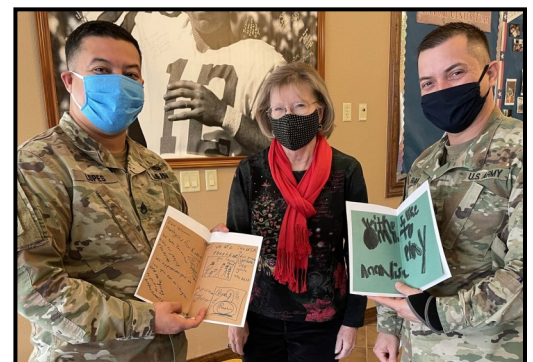
A couple of things we are looking at are providing gift cards for those struggling financially and paying for respite care for caregivers both locally and through the Warrior Transition Unit. We are still providing Couples in Crisis weekends in Fredericksburg in addition to looking at other ways to help. If you have an idea we would appreciate your sharing it with us. We will see if it fits within our Mission Statement and budget.

What we know right now is that God still expects us to move forward. We will be working with those in treatment and/or transition at Fort Sam Houston, local veterans, and veterans who have been to our events but are now medically retired.

Special Cards

A board member received “Thank You For Your Service” cards from his granddaughter who volunteers at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma. Her husband is stationed there so she felt called to volunteer to work with family members of others stationed there. The cards were made by children in one of her classes expressing their gratitude (as only children can do) for the soldier’s military service.

We took the cards and distributed them along with Christmas gift bags.



December R&R

The December Family R&R, traditionally held on ‘Parade Weekend’, has always been our biggest and special event. When the parade was cancelled, we decided to cancel the event but still wanted to do something special for Christmas. One of our board members, a medically retired Army veteran, suggested gift cards. After many ideas and much discussion, we agreed to take the money budgeted for the December event and buy \$300 Walmart gift cards and deliver them by the second week in December. We chose Walmart because of the versatility, i.e., food, clothing, gifts, etc. We put the word out to our contacts at Fort Sam Houston that we were looking for recipients. To qualify they had to be 1) active duty, 2) in treatment and 3) financially challenged. It didn’t take long to fill the list.

Of course the gift cards morphed into gift bags with a few small items in them.



Sharon Massey delivering Gift Bag which includes Gift Card to Soldier in treatment.

With that plan in place we wanted to see if there were any local veterans struggling that we might be able to help. After checking several resources we finally found what we were looking at the Gillespie County Needs Council. They had several veterans who had applied for help. Knowing the Needs Council screens applicants, we added them to our list of recipients using monies budgeted for October and November events which had been cancelled.

We ended up blessing forty (40) families and still spent less than if we had held the three weekend events. *Credit cards were purchased in Fredericksburg which is in keeping with our habit of spending locally since funding comes from Fredericksburg and surrounding areas.*



Board members delivering Gift Cards to the Needs Council.
L—R Jackie Heupel, Cindy Heifner (Exec director of Council), Elizabeth Fargason, Tammie Searles



Soldier in treatment with her parents receiving Gift Bag from Dottie Pieper.

Mission Statement

Demonstrate the love of Christ to all wounded, injured or ill warriors and their families and caregivers.

- *Offering respite;*
- *Assisting with reintegration into civilian settings;*
- *Showing our deep gratitude for their sacrifices;*
- *Sharing GOD’s Love.*

Thank You



How many ways can one say thank you? I could probably fill this entire newsletter with thank you in different languages however that still wouldn't convey the heartfelt gratitude felt by Wounded Warriors at Nebo. Your generosity, especially in these trying times, is amazing and a testament to your love and support of the brave men and women who serve in the military to ensure we have freedom of choice in what we choose to do with our life.

Our mantra is "As long as GOD keeps sending money, Wounded Warriors at Nebo will continue serving the wounded, injured, ill and care providers." both active duty and medically retired.

The following information reflects activities completed in 2020. *The numbers do not include family members who were indirectly affected by their warrior's participation in an event.*

Month	Event	Guests	Volunteers
Feb 8-9	Care Provider Retreat	6	5
Feb 12	Presentation at Marines Luncheon	30	1
Aug 15	Family in Crisis	6	1
Sept 16	Nimitz Golf Classic	19	8
Dec 8	Gift Cards and Bags	40	6
Jan – Mar	Card Making at WFSC	22	8



Books

Since our warrior events have slowed dramatically, I find myself reading more. Using a good book for the 'rest time' between cleaning, reorganizing closets, etc.? So, if you enjoy good books, I have a couple of recommendations.

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge "An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America..."

Hadley and Grace by Suzanne Redfearn. "...a heart pounding and emotional roller-coaster ride of self discovery in the tradition of Thelma and Louise..."

Thumbnail description is from Amazon. Full description is too lengthy to put here but they are two of the best books I have read in a long time. If you choose to read them expect to experience a full range of emotions.

Tax Letters

You should have already received a letter from us acknowledging your donation for use with tax preparation. They were mailed mid January so if you have not received one please email our bookkeeper at jackie.heupel@gmail.com and she will get one right out to you.

Donations

This interdenominational ministry, based in Fredericksburg, Texas is a 501(c)(3) non profit and is financially supported by donations from those who wish to express their gratitude to our wounded warriors and by church and civic organizations from the local community. Funds donated are used to provide for class materials, housing, meals, entertainment and transportation.

Individuals wishing to support this ministry may send their **tax deductible** donation to:

**Wounded Warriors at Nebo
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