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When veterans get home they bring back important stories to tell, of adventures and pain, of fear and courage, of learning.

However, friends and family often do not want to listen or are uncomfortable talking about war. So, if a veteran is going to open up at all, he might seek out another veteran to talk with. Unfortunately, when veterans talk together of the war, attempts at sharing the grief and pain often slip into a "That ain't nothing" or "Top this one" exchange of war stories. So finding closure through telling one's story is difficult to achieve and the deeper truths remain untold; the deeper pain remain unprocessed. Eventually, many veterans lock up their authentic stories deep inside their "inner vault" and stop talking.

**Healing Warrior Hearts** invites veterans to come all the way home and find out that they are not alone. There are many who care. Veterans are not charged to participate in **Healing Warrior Hearts** as we believe they have already "paid the price" with their service!

However, we cannot help our veterans without the help and support of the community. The Starfish Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is sponsoring **Healing Warrior Hearts**. Veterans as well as civilians to support the veterans come from all areas - locally, throughout the state, and nationally - to do their emotional healing work.

We are asking local business such as yours to help support our veterans and acknowledge what they have given personally to each and every one of us by donating items of food to help sponsor the weekend or by a donation to Starfish Foundation so that items needed to make the journey home may be purchased.

Your donation will help make the emotional healing for some of our veterans possible. Please look deep into your heart and consider what you can give back to our veterans. Your donation may be tax deductible. For tax purposes the FEIN number for The Starfish Foundation, Inc. is 39-1847399.

Please complete the enclosed form for any type of donation you are willing to make to support our veterans and return it to my attention. I will contact you to make arrangements to pick up any items to support the weekend.

Our veterans have given of themselves to us, let's show them our support!

Sincerely,

Rick Benoit, Treasurer, Starfish Foundation

**For more information:**

[www.healingwarriorhearts.org](http://www.healingwarriorhearts.org)  
[www.starfishfound.org](http://www.starfishfound.org)

Starfish Foundation, Inc. 2437 N Booth St, Milwaukee, WI 53212 (414) 374-5433



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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CID # (3 digits on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card donations can also be made online at:

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=391847399>

**Items needed:**

Food for staff and participants for seven meals or donations toward purchasing food

Other supplies - name tags, kleenex, paper, pocket folders, bottled water

Funds to cover travel expenses for instructors and staff

Attendance at the graduation to Welcome Home the participants at 6:00 pm on Sunday of the program.

Dates and locations are on the website: <http://www.healingwarriorhearts.org>

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a member of Starfish Foundation. Enclosed is my annual membership fee of \$25. Membership checks are payable to Starfish Foundation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a veteran to attend Healing Warrior Hearts for \$500

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a Healing Warrior Hearts Weekend for \$5000

\_\_\_\_\_ Please designate my contribution for the following location/date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are making a monetary contribution, please make checks payable to Starfish Foundation, Inc.

Please complete this form and return to:

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Thank you for your support in welcoming our veterans home!

