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Rotary Club of Central Bucks Awards Over \$33K to Local Organizations

Proceeds from 8th Annual Ride For The Heroes benefit causes supporting veterans and families of fallen heroes

PLUMSTEADVILLE, Pa. – Rotary Club of Central Bucks presented \$33,500 in grants to local organizations that serve veterans and families of fallen heroes at a reception held on October 10 at the Plumsteadville Inn. The funds were raised at the club’s 8th annual Ride For The Heroes and Picnic, held in June. Ride For The Heroes is a police-escorted motorcycle ride through the Bucks County countryside and parts of New Jersey. This year more than 600 riders participated in the event.

Grants were awarded to ten organizations whose missions range from sending out care packages to troops deployed overseas, to providing equine therapy to veterans. The organizations that were awarded funds are:

1. Bucks County Vet Transport, an organization that provides transportation for Bucks County veterans to the Philadelphia and Coatesville Veterans Hospitals. For information visit: <http://buckscounty.org/government/CommunityServices/MilitaryAffairs/VeteransBenefits>.
2. Gold Star Mothers, an organization whose members are mothers whose children died during active duty in the military. For information visit: <http://www.goldstarmoms.com>.
3. Good To Go Care Packages, an organization whose mission is to provide care packages to military members deployed overseas. For information visit: <http://www.goodtogocareboxes.org>.

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4. Meghan's Foundation, an organization that provides free yoga and meditation programs to veterans who are experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). For information visit: <https://www.meghansfoundation.org>.
5. Operation Homefront, an organization whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure military families through relief, resiliency and recurring support. For information visit: <http://www.operationhomefront.org>.
6. Shamrock Reins, an organization that provides equine therapy to veterans, their families and first responders. For information visit: <http://www.shamrockreins.org>.
7. Tails of Valor, and organization that provides service dogs to veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and physical disabilities. For information visit: <http://www.tailsofvalor.org>.
8. Bucks County Tour of Honor, an organization that raises funds to transport United States Military Veterans from the Bucks County area to Washington DC to visit memorials, buildings and other places that promote and represent the ideals of the United States of America. For information visit: <http://www.buckscountytourofhonor.org>.
9. Travis Manion Foundation, an organization whose mission is to empower veterans and families of fallen heroes to develop character in future generations. For information visit: <http://www.travismanion.org>.
10. Vets for Vets, an organization comprised of veterans who assist other veterans with issues relating to their transitions from military to civilian life. For information visit: <http://www.soldiertocivilian.org>.

“It is an amazing feeling to be part of the Central Bucks Rotary and work with all those who volunteer to make The Ride For The Heroes such a successful event,” said Chris Lewis, a member of Rotary Club of Central Bucks and one of the organizers of The Ride for The Heroes. “This is the night that brings Ride For The Heroes full-circle, as we get to present donations from the event proceeds to a group of well-deserving organizations that help veterans and families of fallen heroes in our local communities. We are committed to our veterans and the motto of Rotary, *Service Above Self!*”

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About The Rotary Club of Central Bucks:

Rotary club members are volunteers who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world under the motto *Service Above Self*.

The Rotary Club of Central Bucks focuses on supporting Bucks County and the surrounding communities. The Club meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. till 6:45 p.m. at the Plumsteadville Inn, 5902 Easton Road, Plumsteadville, PA 18949. To learn more about Rotary Club of Central Bucks please visit www.centralbucksrotary.com.

Editor's Note: Photo Captions

Photo 190451 (courtesy of Nancy Sher)

Members of Central Bucks Rotary presented grants to ten area organizations that support veterans and families of fallen heroes at a reception held at Plumsteadville Inn on October 10. The funds were raised at the club's 8th annual Ride For The Heroes in June. Pictured (left to right) are representatives from Rotary Club of Doylestown and the recipient organizations: Chris Lewis, Rotary Club of Central Bucks; Dan Fraley, Bucks County Military/Veterans Affairs; Heather Lloyd, Tails of Valor; Janet Brennan, Shamrock Reins; Brodie Lightcap, Vets for Vets; Hugo Lentze, Manion Foundation; Christine Ferrara, Tour of Honor; Thom Shortt, Meghan's Foundation; Theresa Sabloskey, Good to Go Care Boxes; Pete Stinson, Operation Homefront; Damon Derstine, Rotary Club of Central Bucks; Bill Flax, Rotary Club of Central Bucks.

Photo 191136 (courtesy of Debbie Goetz Media Connections)

Representatives of Indian Valley H.O.G. attended the Rotary Club of Central Bucks grant reception on October 10 and were awarded a plaque for being the riding club with the most bikes (125) and riders (more than 200) at the 8th annual Ride For The Heroes. Pictured (left to right) are Roger Joseph, Linda Joseph, Bill Lichtner, Cheryl Lichtner and Patty Eastburn.

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Brodie Lightcap of Vets for Vets presents a handcrafted American flag to Rotary Club of Central Bucks at their Ride For The Heroes grant reception held on October 10 at Plumsteadville in. Lightcap presented the flag as a gesture of gratitude to the club for their support of Vets for Vets and its mission. Pictured (left to right) Bill Flax, Rotary Club of Central Bucks, Bob Mazza, Vets for Vets, Brodie Lightcap, Vets for Vets, and Chris Lewis, Rotary Club of Central Bucks.