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NEW GRANTS SUPPORT LIBRARIES FOR MILITARY WOUNDED

Washington DC – Barbara Lau, executive director of Cause – a volunteer organization providing recreational and entertainment programs to wounded service members recovering from injuries suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan – today announced that Cause has received grants in excess of \$260,000 to expand its digital library program to other military medical centers.

The Iraq Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund (IADIF) at the California Community Foundation awarded Cause \$210,700 to fund digital libraries at three military medical centers soon to be announced. The Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment (TRIAD) Fund of the San Antonio Foundation awarded \$49, 800 to fund the library Cause recently established at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, Texas.

In announcing the awards Lau said, “These generous gifts from public philanthropic institutions demonstrate the nation’s support for the military men and women who have paid such a high price for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Recuperation from severe, life-altering injuries often requires hospital stays of a year or more. Cause libraries, with their DVDs, video games, and gaming systems, offer entertainment and distraction to young soldiers as they take a difficult journey to recovery.”

The Cause digital library at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, is located in the Mologne House and is staffed by teams of local volunteers. The BAMC branch is located in the Powless House and is staffed by volunteers from the BAMC Warrior and Family Assistance Center. Both branches stock a wide range of the latest DVDs, video games, gaming systems, and gaming accessories. Brigadier General James Gilman, Commander at BAMC and previously Commander at Walter Reed, said, “I am very grateful for all that Cause and organizations like Cause have done for warriors and their families. The digital library is a great addition.”

About the Iraq Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund

Administered by the California Community Foundation, the Iraq Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund (IADIF) was established to support military service members and their families coping with injury, illness, or death resulting from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. IADIF awards grants to other nonprofit organizations serving returning military personnel and their families, including the TRIAD Fund of the San Antonio Area. www.calfund.org.

About the Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment Fund

The Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment (TRIAD) Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation funds programs serving the unmet needs of Texas military personnel and their families. For more than 40 years, the San Antonio Area Foundation, a publicly supported philanthropic institution, has been administering donors' funds and granting gifts from those funds to worthy charitable causes that significantly enhance the quality of life in the communities they serve. www.saafdn.org
