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New York Union Supports Families of Combat Wounded

Local 338 Gives Time, Office Space to Hope For The Warriors®

WESTCHESTER, NY, November 3, 2011 –Hope For The Warriors® is proud to announce the generous donation of office space by Local 338 Retail, Wholesale, Department Store/United Food and Commercial Workers (RWDS/UFCW) in Westchester, NY. The donation of office space will be used for the Above & Beyond Professional Development Program managed by Hope For The Warriors®. Hope For The Warriors® is a national nonprofit organization that assists combat-wounded service members, their families, and families of the fallen.

Local 338 RWDS/UFCW is a member first organization in which every action is driven by their mission and values. It represents industries such as supermarkets, grocery stores, specialty food stores, retail drug, pharmacists, drivers, maintenance, and more. The mission of Local 338 RWDS/UFCW is “to better the lives of our members and all working people.”

Local 338 has been an avid supporter of Hope For The Warriors® for many years. For the past four years, Local 338 has been the presenting sponsor for the Long Island Run For The Warriors®, a race held on Long Island to honor wounded and fallen and to raise funds. The next race will be on November 13, 2011. For more information, visit <http://run.kintera.org/LongIsland2011>.

“Local 338 is extremely proud to be able to assist such a wonderful organization as Hope for the Warriors in their efforts to support military families and our wounded combat heroes,” John R. Durso, President of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW, said. “Local 338 and our members support many charitable organizations each year but we take special pride in being able to give back to those who sacrificed so much in defense of this great nation.”

In addition to their financial support, employees and members of the union have volunteered hours of their personal time for the event and to the organization. This union has also been involved in other philanthropic ventures such as The American Cancer Society’s Breast Cancer Walk, United Way of Long Island, and St. Fidelis Mother.

“Our interaction with Local 338 has produced nothing but support, innovation, and good will on behalf of a population that is most deserving,” Tina Atherall, Hope For The Warriors® Executive Vice President said. “Our partnership works to aid military families, while engaging the surrounding community, to ensure that there is no sacrifice forgotten, nor need unmet in the lives of our nation’s wounded heroes.”

Hope For The Warriors® provides for the future and immediate needs of our combat wounded heroes. Their programs offer a full cycle of support starting with Immediate Needs and Family Support financial assistance, and continuing through A Warrior’s Wish®, Warrior’s Hope & Morale, Above & Beyond Professional Development, Spouse/Caregiver scholarships, Team Hope For The Warriors® and more.

The mission of Hope For The Warriors® (www.hopeforthewarriors.org) is to enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. Hope For The Warriors® actively seeks to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet.

Hope For The Warriors® has earned a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), an independent organization that evaluates fiscal responsibility and accountability of nonprofits.

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