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HeroBox Expands programs to Injured Service Members and Veterans

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Tyrone, GA—In an effort to extend its mission of providing support for injured American Service Members, HeroBox has partnered with the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. The Shepherd Center offers a *comprehensive rehabilitation program for service men and women who have sustained a mild to moderate traumatic brain injury and PTSD from the Afghanistan and Iraqi conflicts* called the SHARE Military Initiative. The initiative provides treatment, support and education to service members during their recovery and ensures access to care that may be unfunded. With the help of Blick Art Materials and Jerry's Artarama, Herobox was able to supply SHARE patients with art supplies to assist in their rehabilitation.

Since 2008, HeroBox has strived to meet the needs of deployed service members with customized care packages. The HeroBox model is unique in that it connects service members with sponsors instantly online. This gives service members the ability to request specific items and provides Americans with a way to directly support the troops. In 2013, HeroBox extended its mission to include injured service members and veterans in facilities across the country. Executive Director, Ryan Housley, says “the organization has *come to realize that our programs are perfectly positioned to expand beyond deployed service members and impact veterans back home who are dealing with war injuries or difficult life situations.*” Aside from partnering with the Shepherd Center, HeroBox is also developing new programs with other VA Hospitals and treatment programs around the country.

HeroBox is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide the physical and moral support our heroes need while they are away from home.