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The Woodlands Welcomes Return of PGA HOPE Program for Local Veterans

Wexford, PA – The Woodlands proudly continues its partnership with the Professional Golfers' Association of America's HOPE program. PGA's HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) provides golf as a therapeutic rehabilitation tool for military veterans. The program is designed to enhance rehabilitation, both physically and socially. The Woodlands first welcomed the group of veterans and PGA instructors for a successful season in the fall of 2016.

The adapted par-3 golf course, housed within The Woodlands' 52-acre campus, is specifically designed to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to learn, play, and appreciate the game of golf. The only facility of its kind in the region, this 9-hole course offers a unique experience for individuals learning the game of golf, or returning to the game after a setback from injury or illness.

The PGA HOPE June and July sessions included over a dozen veterans representing the Viet Nam War, Iraq, and Afghanistan Wars. PGA professional instructors, working with participants on a 5-1 ratio, provide instruction on adaptive golf techniques and fundamentals. Tournaments between teams of participants enable them to test out their skills in friendly competition. The finale of the summer 2017 sessions will include a scramble with the Veterans and PGA Pros, a recognition dinner, and an award ceremony at The Woodlands campus on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm. Media are invited to attend. Please submit reservations for attendance to the Program Marketing Office by noon on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

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About The Woodlands

The Woodlands mission is to enrich the lives of children and adults with disability and chronic illness by providing adapted therapeutic programs that support and strengthen the development of skills in socialization, creative expression, environmental awareness, recreation, and spirituality at its fully-accessible Wexford, PA facility. Further information and a schedule of Woodlands' programming are available at www.mywoodlands.org.