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Easterseals Labor of Love Builds Network of Veterans helping Veterans

\$2.5M state-of-the-art veterans service center in Norwich includes veteran-owned subcontractors

WINDSOR, CT, February 2, 2021 – A network of veterans are teaming up to help their brothers and sisters who served this country transition back to civilian life. It's a unique concept embraced by Newington-based Enterprise Builders as it progresses with its build out for the \$2.5M Easterseals Veterans Rally Point at its Norwich, CT facility. The 18,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility serves veterans and their families, and four of the subcontractor companies working on the project are veteran-owned—a true labor of love.

“This community project is a win-win for everyone. Not only is this helping change people’s lives who served our country but it’s putting veterans to work through subcontracting opportunities, so there is a lifestyle and economic benefit,” said Eric Lamore, Superintendent, Enterprise Builders, who is overseeing the project and a veteran himself. “The partnerships we have established with multiple veteran-owned subcontractors are sustainable and hopefully will lead to more work for them in the future based on the connections they make as part of this project.”

Some features of the build-out, which will culminate in a ribbon cutting in the Fall of 2021, include:

- Commercial grade kitchen and computer lab
- Climbing wall and fitness center
- Food pantry, clothing room and military memories area
- Medical exam room and meditation area
- Legal, financial, health and employment services

The project also highlights the role of Easterseals in the community, and the many partnerships that make this kind of initiative a reality. Enterprise Builders engages in many similar projects, but the work with veterans makes the service center especially unique.

“Integrating veterans’ health and wellness into the community is one of the key goals of this project, and it could not be done without our partnership with Easterseals,” said Wayne Czarnecki, Operations – Project Manager, Enterprise Builders. “We are helping veterans that often have to reach out for assistance, and this is our way of proactively helping build their quality of life after service.”

Adds Easterseals President & CEO, Robin Sharp, “The creation of this center of excellence aligns with our mission of serving veterans in our community, and we are proud of the passion and energy of everyone involved in this project. It is our way of saying “thank you” to those who sacrificed time away from their families and faced the dangers of war to protect our freedoms, and we are so pleased to engage in veterans helping veterans.”

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