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It has been designed to develop a continuous funding stream in support of Veterans who need financial assistance in order to join an organization such as the YMCA. Our facilities are located in Warwick (Kent County), on Post Road in North Kingstown (West Bay), Barrington (Bayside), South County (Wakefield), Newman (Seekonk, MA) and Cranston. We also have two locations in Providence; our East Side branch is at the corner of Doyle and Hope Streets and Providence Youth Services on Broad Street. This site is not a gym facility but rather offers services to underprivileged children. They also provide our "Y on the Move" program where we go out into the community after school hours to various locations. We also offer summer camp at several locations: Newman, Kent County which is combined with Cranston and Providence, Bayside, and a residential camp, Camp Fuller, on Salt Pond in South Kingstown.

- ★ Any Veteran who fits the definition of "Veteran" and is in need of financial assistance will be eligible for an annual family membership.
- ★ We plan on partnering with some of the businesses that are now involved who will offer seminars on financial literacy and other useful topics to help our Veterans fully prepare for life after serving. If you have additional suggestions on how to enhance this program, please let me know.
- ★ We will continue to add more businesses and their leadership teams to this initiative up to, and following, our event Y Heroes on April 12th.

All businesses that are part of this message are extended an invitation to join us for our VIP Reception before the Y Heroes event, which is sponsored by ISM Solar. The event will take place in the State Room at the State House on April 9th from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. At that time we will "flip the switch" and illuminate the Dome with our Y signature colors. Along with our Board of Directors, my staff, Y Heroes and Host Committee members, there will be state dignitaries in attendance and elected officials from the cities and towns our facilities are located in. I feel this is a great opportunity for all to speak with like-minded community and business leaders to make further contacts.

At the same time this plan is unveiled, all seven (7) GPYMCA branches will be working with our staff, soliciting donations from members for our "Veterans Giving Trees." Within the branches we will be accepting donations as donors will have the opportunity to pull off a "giving" tab; those will be posted and displayed around the giving tree. Our personnel have received specific training about this program. If you are interested in having a Giving Tree at your corporation, please let me know and we will arrange for one to be brought to your location. In addition we will share a flyer on this initiative for you to share with your networks.

In closing, your support of this program is vital to the success of helping those Veterans who need our assistance, and investing in people to make an impact in our communities. Hope you can join us for the press conference on Wednesday, as well as the VIP Reception and Y Heroes luncheon in April.