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Hello Friends!

Re-Creation has just returned home from their 9 week trip to Alaska and the Great American Northwest! They served over 51 VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes and other care facilities!

Mary Reich and her husband, Andrew, accompanied the group to Alaska and the response there was absolutely tremendous!

When she returned, Mary remarked,



Jon Hepler and resident Palmer, AK

"I just couldn't get over how much everyone enjoyed the show. How excited they were. And of course, since we had to fly there, we had to abbreviate the scope of the show to one costume and a limited sound system, but you know what? None of that mattered! Everyone was thrilled! They have already asked us not to wait so long to come back!"

"not to wait so long to come back..." We hear that a lot! With over 250 active requests for shows nation-wide, and more being added every day, the schedule has become something of a behemoth! The clamor for Re-Creation's brand of therapy is loud and intense.

Well-meaning folks from across the country will look at our online schedule and think, *"Oh, they have a free day here, maybe we can get them to our center."*

This actually just happened. Enthusiastic Elks from mid-Missouri wanted us to squeeze in an appearance at an American Cancer Society Survivor event. With shows on both days and myriad responsibilities to navigate, I wasn't sure we could do it. But how do you say 'no'?

And ultimately, I know the reason people press...

BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE EFFECT OF RE-CREATION!

This event happened to be hosted by a woman who had worked in the VA for more than 20 years and had seen us often. She wanted the excitement, the joy and the healing she had seen in her Veterans facility available to the folks at the cancer survivor event!

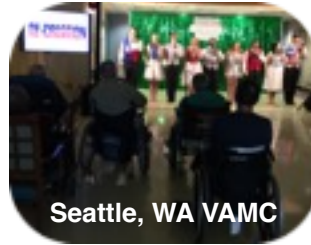
We spoke and worked out the date. I'm sure the cast members were tired, but they never complained. They did what they ALWAYS do in these situations...they welcomed the opportunity to serve America and Her people!

I met the group in Kansas City, MO (my home town) and in Seattle, WA. All the shows reminded me that Re-Creation's 'infusion of joy' benefits more than just the veterans.

In Seattle, I was in the back of the room with Jon and Alex, our technicians. We were focused on the task at hand, when we realized that all of the staff, nurses, even a doctor or two, who had peeked their head in to the room to catch the show, were DANCING! And not just dancing, but dancing the "Gangnam Style" dance! (those of you more mature folks, ask someone what that is!!)

What a sight! These dedicated professionals, who work hard every day, having a moment of pure abandon and fun!

That's what YOU provide!



Seattle, WA VAMC

"We absolutely loved the show. The Vets, family and staff were still talking about the show days afterwards. This is one of those great memories that they will never forget. Thank you for being a part of that; thank Re-

Creation for bringing so much light and appreciation to our Seattle Vets. We will forever be grateful."

- Seattle, WA VAMC

So, the schedule remains full! The group has 36 shows in 26 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. And YOU have many, many chances to catch each of their programs. **School Days, Changing of the Guard or Christmas Joy!**

You also have the chance to enable the mission, maybe even grow it? We're doing our part, but we need you to help carry the banner. There are suggestions scattered throughout the newsletter. Consider, and then please, act!

Countless hearts and lives are touched by YOU!

Stay with us!

Jay

FROM THE VA!



PHILADELPHIA, PA VAMC:

"Once again, you have thrilled and delighted our Veterans with your show! The performance was spectacular, and our residents enjoyed the personal attention and interaction of your performers, and all the glittering costumes and breathtaking music!"

We certainly appreciate all your tireless efforts to maintain an organization like Re-Creation. We know it takes a lot of hard work, fundraising, traveling, nurturing relationships, recruiting, training, etc. We are all very grateful that you expend these efforts to bring pleasure and tribute to our Veterans.

On behalf of the Medical Center staff and our Veteran residents and patients, thank you again for your support and generosity. We hope to see you again soon."

WASHINGTON SOLDIERS HOME, ORTING, WA:

"Thank you for the inspirational and riveting Re-Creation performance at the WA Soldiers Home! The performers captivated the residents' hearts and imaginations with the School Days production. The show brought the theme of school days to life, which in turn brought residents back to their school days! Residents really enjoyed shaking the hands of the performers after the show, as well as receiving signed photos and getting their picture taken with the cast! This type of performance cultivates national pride, as well as provides the recognition and respect the veterans so richly deserve! Residents' quality of life were truly enhanced.

Thank you also for the assistance with escorting residents to Chilson Hall! This was a special opportunity for the residents to connect with the Re-Creation cast and crew.

Your dedicated and talented team are an inspiration to all! We can't wait to see what Re-Creation will bring to the WA Soldiers Home at the next performance! Thank you for all that Re-Creation does for veterans across the country!

P.S. The CD and DVD copies of the Re-Creation performances for the residents' library are greatly appreciated!"

AND THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN!

All Media projects are now in-house and online!
Your donation helps make possible the gifting of the same materials to all the VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes Nation-wide!

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THANK YOU!

We published a wish-list last month and had some wonderful folks respond with enthusiasm!

The new light board was donated by
Ed & Darla Barefoot

The new travel case for the TV monitor was provided by
Matt, Jill, Gaven & Maria Kiger

The new stage TV stand was gifted by
John & Barbara Speer

The new HDMI cords and adapters were given by
Monica Leitzel & Family
Xavier Francis & Family

Special thanks to the following organizations for contributing toward the purchase of the new diesel truck:

Louisiana State Elks
Kentucky State Elks
Rhode Island State Elks
Illinois State Elks
Jefferson Sportsmen's Association



If you're interested in donating specifically to provide the means for the mission, by helping us with our new truck, contact...

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SOCIAL MEDIA!

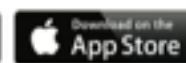
We **MUST** increase our reach to thoughtful citizens who may want an opportunity to support a personal mission to America!

PLEASE use your social media to spread the word...invite people to shows, lead them to website and Facebook pages.

Encourage everyone to download the Re-Creation App!
Set up a recurring donation through Pushpay (so easy!)

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YOU are the front-line of invitation!



A SPECIAL COMMISSION

from the Director

People often ask how they can help the group in addition to the financial gifts they submit and the prayers they lift up.

And while donations and prayers are surely appreciated, there is another area where we could use some bolstering.

Social Media. Please consider setting aside specific time to help draw more dedicated folks to the Re-Creation service. Whatever you do will be appreciated and dynamically blessed to bless others! We need YOU!



WEBSITE: Email the website link to everyone on your mailing list. But don't make it a simple 'forward' like you would a cute cat picture or a joke. Deliberately, sincerely, express in a few short sentences why you support Re-Creation and your enthusiasm will surely catch!

Placing the link right in your email will allow folks to quickly access the site and learn everything about serving America's Hospitalized Veterans...a cause to which they will rally!

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FACEBOOK: Include the Facebook link in the email, too. The Facebook page offers some wonderful, personal opportunities and up to the minute information. Plus you can put the Re-Creation Facebook link in your next post! Again, a quick note to relay your involvement may prompt others!

www.facebook.com/ReCreationUSA/



RC APP: Our smartphone App has access to video, the Facebook page, the schedule...everything! You can even donate online quick and easy from your phone! Encourage folks with smartphones to check out the Google and Apple Stores and download the free app.

Mobile App Search: Re-Creation USA



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!
WE TRULY RELY ON YOUR DEDICATION
AND ENTHUSIASM TO GROW THE MISSION.
THESE SIMPLE STEPS COULD MEAN MAJOR
DIFFERENCES IN OUR ABILITY TO SERVE!**



F.O.R.-C.E.S. members gift \$365 dollars a year... one dollar a day, and that money is used directly to support the cast. Historically, we've been able to provide about \$5.00 a meal, a practical blessing, to be sure, but a pale reflection of the actual cost of living on-the-road.

Remember, your ambassadors are all **VOLUNTEERS!** They are missionaries in the truest sense of the word.

The number of F.O.R.-C.E.S. members has remained about the same for the past 25 years! We need to increase the ranks, raise the support of the young people who give up years of their lives to endeavor in this mission every day! They are YOUR emissaries!

And **YOU** are our greatest resource in introducing the mission to new folks.

Invite someone to a show, a Christmas program or to church! Give them the opportunity to proactively get involved in a mission that serves countless heroes!

We'll be glad to answer any questions. But your example remains the great 'validator.' Those in your circle will look to you to see your charity, your concern for the veterans and your fervor for the Re-Creation mission!

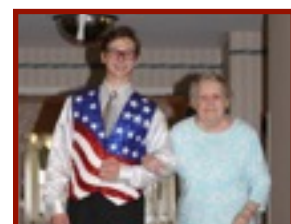
And if you're not a member, why not join F.O.R.-C.E.S. with Re-Creation to better the rehabilitation and healing of America's hospitalized Veterans! You can join or donate right online:

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"I just wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank the F.O.R.-C.E.S. members for affording me the opportunity to be here. The veterans are beyond grateful for our coming. The reactions that come from the veterans are life-changing, leaving me forever grateful for serving our beautiful country. One veteran who I greeted personally after the show said, '***I shed tears not for something bad, but for something that I know I protected.***' That, right there, is what motivates us to keep doing what we do; day in and day out. Thank you so much!"



Camden Choplick





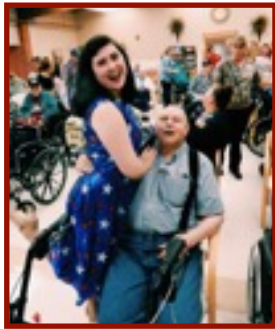
from the mission field...

Hannah Swanson

Tour has been really great! I am very happy to be back after a year away from the veterans. I can always rely on them to put a smile on my face which is really awesome since that's supposed to be our job! I met a veteran, Frank, who was just so enthusiastic about seeing the show.

Frank was a really sweet guy who was very much into the ladies of the group. He had a big smile the entire show and I made sure to sing to him for Raining on Prom Night, which he absolutely loved. After the show he told me he'd never leave me on prom night again!

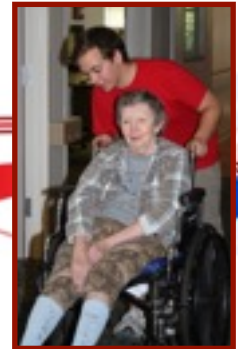
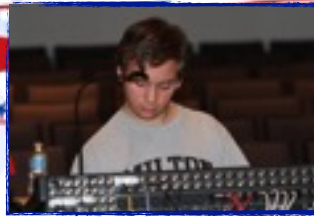
He thanked me many times for the show and hugged me as long as he could!!



Hannah and Frank!
Columbia Falls, MT
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Jon Gagnon

I truly cannot express the joy that I have every day being part of Re-Creation. Even though I am not on stage performing for the veterans, I find so much excitement and energy being the sound technician for our show. Very often veterans come back to the soundboard to thank me for what I do (which is so nice), and emphasize the importance of what we do for them. You can see the genuine emotion in their eyes after the show. Countless times I have had the veterans come back and talk to me about their feelings of isolation and feeling forgotten, and they tell me about our show changing that emotion. And you can tell that our show really will **last** for them and help make a difference!



Austin Keretzman

Hello from the road! We are currently in Montana after visiting with the veterans in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and many other places. And that's my favorite part of the mission, visiting with the veterans, hearing about their days, and so much more.

At the State Veterans Home in Spokane, Washington, I was visiting with some of the veterans after the show and as I was talking with a particular gentleman, he then looked at me and said,

"You know we all love you guys, right?"

I told him that yes, yes we did. His smile and that moment, I will never forget. Our day with him not only lifted his spirits, but lifted mine as well.

We're trained to give attention and respect, like Mr. Muller always says, but on that day, love rang out back to us! Very special. Your support of this mission is greatly appreciated and we thank you all so much!



WOW! What testimonies! What vibrant, practical evidence of YOUR support in action! STAY WITH US!

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CHANGING of the GUARD!

Re-Creation's religious program designed as a lively worship service with all styles of music!
All programs open to the public!

11/5	Mountainhome U.M. Church Mountainhome, PA 570-595-2077	7:00 pm
11/6	Faith U.M. Church Stroudsburg, PA 570-424-0712	8:15 am 9:45 am
11/6	Faith U.M. Church Lititz, PA 717-560-0321	7:00 pm
11/9	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Bloomsburg, PA 570-784-4515	7:00 pm
11/13	Christian Cornerstone Fellowship Lewisburg, PA 570-768-4555	10:15 am
11/13	Akron Church of the Brethren Akron, PA 717-859-2156	6:00 pm
11/18	Zion Lutheran Church Sunbury, PA 570-286-6459	7:00 pm
11/20	St. John's U.C.C. Emmaus, PA 610-965-9158	8:00 am 10:30 am
11/20	Zion Lutheran Church Leola, PA 717-656-9200	7:00 pm
11/27	4th U.M. Church York, PA 717-854-6984	10:00 am
11/27	Watsonstown U.M. Church Watsonstown, PA 570-538-1017	6:30 pm
12/4	Union U.M. Church Federalsburg, MD 410-754-9210	10:00 am
12/4	St. Luke's U.M. Church Denton, MD 410-479-2171	4:00 pm
12/11	Otterbein U.M. Church Emigsville, PA 717-764-0007	10:45 am
12/18	Hummel's U.M. Church Middleburg, PA 570-837-9956	8:45 am



SCHOOL DAYS!

Re-Creation's secular variety show featuring the best American music and a grand patriotic finale!

11/7	Martinsburg, WV VAMC	2:00 pm
11/8	Washington, DC VAMC	2:00 pm
11/10	Bloomsburg High School Community Show Bloomsburg, PA OPEN to the PUBLIC!	7:00 pm
11/11	Susquehanna Valley Mall Selinsgrove, PA OPEN to the PUBLIC!	2:00 pm 7:00 pm
12/5	Milford, DE SVH	2:00 pm
12/6	Wilmington, DE VAMC	2:00 pm
12/7	Perry Point, MD VAMC	2:00 pm

PRIVATE EVENTS NOT LISTED

Please contact any VAMC or SVH prior to show for permission to attend.

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Christmas Joy!



Re-Creation's Christmas show complete with lavish costumes, vibrant vocals and classic holiday favorites!
 Both Sacred and Secular music celebrating the Season!

All programs open to the public!

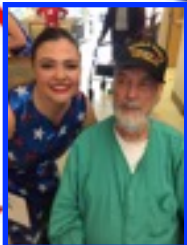
11/26	4th U.M. Church York, PA 717-854-6984	7:00 pm
11/28	Lorain Lighthouse Lorain, OH 440-282-2382	7:00 pm
11/29	Howland U.M. Church Warren, OH 330-856-3463	7:00 pm
12/1	COUNTRY CUPBOARD Buffet & Show Lewisburg, PA Tickets Required / 570-523-3211	12:30 & 5:30 pm
12/3	Union U.M. Church Federalsburg, MD 410-754-9210	7:00 pm
12/8	St. Paul's U.C.C. Selinsgrove, PA 570-374-8749	6:30 pm
12/10	Tri-Valley Lions Club Hegins, PA Tri-Valley High School	7:30 pm
12/11	Cedarville U.M. Church Pottstown, PA 610-326-4173	7:00 pm
12/14	St. Joseph's Catholic Church York, PA 717-755-7503	7:00 pm
12/15	Salem E & R Church Reamstown, PA 717-336-7378	7:00 pm
12/16	Otterbein U.M. Church Carlisle, PA 717-258-6704	7:00 pm
12/17	Middlecreek Community Center Dinner & Show Beaver Springs, PA Tickets Required / 570-658-2276	7:00 pm
12/18	First Baptist Church Milton, PA 570-742-9125	7:30 pm



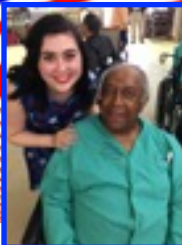
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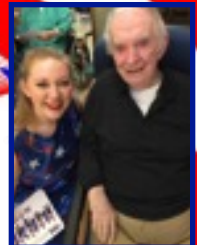
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