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SUMMER 2012



30,000 Meals Served!

Thank You for Supporting Aleethia's Programs!

Executive Director's Message ...by Hal Koster

Without your support, *The Aleethia Foundation* would not have been able to provide over 30,000 meals served to the injured service members and their families who participated in Aleethia's "Friday Night Dinners" since October 2003. These dinners are an integral part of the healing process.

Your continuous generosity is helping to provide assistive technology equipment for individual service members who are patients at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) at WRNMMC-Bethesda. NICoE provides comprehensive service member evaluations for assistive technology needs that result from traumatic brain injury or psychological health conditions. Through the use of assistive technology, service members are able to maintain or increase independence in their everyday lives.

Due to an increase in requests for help with those unmet needs that official regulations and budgets can not cover, the need for non-profits to assist injured service members and family members has dramatically increased. For many service members, it will be a long road as they recover from injuries suffered while serving our country. *Aleethia* continues responding to the many requests for assistive technology items, hotel and travel expenses, car repairs, and more. We always welcome help or advice on raising funds for these needs.

OUR WISH LIST

- iTunes Gift cards for patients to download medical applications \$10-25
- Targus Stylus for iPad, iPhone etc.
- Portable DVD Players
- Apple iPads & iPods touch for Traumatic Brain Injury patients
- \$10+ GIFT CARDS to Subway and Dunkin Donuts located at WRNMMC-Bethesda
- Gasoline gift cards for Caregivers, family members etc.

SPECIAL THANKS TO RECENT DINNER SPONSORS

Aleethia's INDIVIDUAL Donors

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A Special Thank You to William Grant & Sons and your participating USA Distributors!!!!

Sailor Jerry Rum Program for 2012 raised over **\$32,000!!!**

For the third year, William Grant & Sons has partnered in a charitable promotion to benefit the *Aleethia Foundation's* programs supporting the injured service members and their families. During the months of February, March & April 2012, a donation was made to the *Aleethia Foundation* for every case of *Sailor Jerry Rum* sold by their participating USA distributors in Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas. THANKS EVERYONE!



Photo of June 29th Dinner of service members with John Walsh, William Grant & Sons, State Manager for MD/DC/DE

UPDATES TO ON-LINE DONATION PROGRAM



Now when you go to *Aleethia Foundation's* website (www.aleethia.org) to donate online, you will have options to choose which *Aleethia* Program you wish your donation to support. Also, you can set up a recurring payment option which replicates the original payment and you can choose a subscription schedule (for example; weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.) You will continue to receive a receipt with each recurring payment. *Aleethia* uses the Click & Pledge's platform since it is fully PCI/CISP certified. That means no security leaks to worry about...C&P monitors the system 24/7 worldwide.



“Caregivers helping Caregivers”

“Senior” caregivers reached out to several non-profits to assist with providing a “special surprise” each month to the caregivers of the newly injured patients as they begin their journey to their “new normal.”

So with the help of *Aleethia's* generous donors and supporters, we joined in and assisted with the requested items to be part of this great idea. The “Senior” caregivers distribute the surprises to the “new” caregivers which gives them a chance to lend an ear, share their stories, give a hug of understanding, provide information and answer questions regarding the healing process.

2012 ARMY TEN MILER GO TEAM ALEETHIA!

Come out on Sunday, October 21, 2012 for the Army Ten Miler “ATM” (www.armytenmiler.com), and cheer on “Team *Aleethia*” at the 2012 Army Ten Miler. ATM “Team *Aleethia's*” Chairman Brian O’Keefe will lead a group of 25 Runners to the finish line. Plans are being scheduled for “Team *Aleethia's*” practice runs ... There are a few runner slots left. For additional information on joining “Team *Aleethia*,” please send an email to ATM Chairman at info@aleethia.org



Thank you! “Team *Aleethia's*” golfers enjoyed a great round of golf at the “Italian American Golf Open” which benefitted the Lido DC Civic Club’s Scholarship program.



D.C. Ladies Arm Wrestlers (DCLAW) raised over \$4,000 to benefit the *Aleethia Foundation* at their “Super Brawl of Champions” held on June 2, 2012. It was a wild evening as eight women from all walks of life dressed in costume and played the role of an alter-ego in three rounds of “competitive” arm wrestling. Congratulations to the winner, Amy Smackhouse! **THANK SO MUCH TO ALL THE LADIES!**

Thank You to Recent Corporate & Organization Donors of Aleethia's Programs!



Executive Director, Hal Koster sends a special thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, donors and sponsors who make *The Aleethia Foundation's* “Friday Night Dinners” a special and memorable evening for our injured service members.