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## **PRESS ADVISORY / RELEASE**

**WHAT: New Area Organization Reaches Out**

### **To Those Who have Given Much for Our Freedom.**

Heartbeat: Serving Wounded Warriors starting equine and scuba assisted therapy to qualified wounded service members wounded in combat. Heartbeat hopes to not only provide inventive ways to assist in the healing process, but to also provide an environment in which injured military personnel can experience a degree of freedom that is often-times difficult or impossible to achieve in a hospital and rehabilitation setting. Recovery from war-inflicted wounds can take months to years. Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors is completely driven by the donations of time and money of community members and area businesses.

Janice Buckley, founder and previous president of Operation Homefront Washington, began "Heartbeat," a military wounded warrior centered organization, unlike others in the Puget Sound area. *"Often the person does not recover completely but must learn to live with the disability and resulting problems."* *"The goal of our organization, Heartbeat: Serving Wounded Warriors, is to provide emergency assistance, moral support, and innovative, therapeutic healing services for wounded warriors and their families."*

Two main therapies, equine-assisted therapy and scuba diving therapy programs are being added to the unique programs and services Heartbeat currently offers and will be run by qualified individuals and will be free to any qualified wounded service member wanting to participate.

Heartbeat's founder Janice Buckley has long had a special place in her heart for the military service men and women who return from combat with serious, often life-threatening, injuries and their families. She says, *"I am very excited about the programs we have continually brought wounded warriors and the new ones we are working on. It is always humbling to be able to serve the most courageous people in our country. Our vision is big and we invite communities to partner with us."*

**When: September '09**

**Where: Puget Sound Area**

**Washington State**

**Time: See Website For Scheduled Events**

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**Mission Statement: At Heartbeat, we provide emergency assistance, morale-building, and innovative therapeutic services for wounded warriors and their families.**

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