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Good morning Woody,

It was wonderful meeting you at the Vets Center in Rocky Hill and seeing first hand the impact your "Heart to Heart" program has on combat veterans. As we discussed, Veterans Base Camp Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located on 45 acres in Chaplin, CT. We have several services that we currently offer: transitional housing to male veterans, a food pantry that provides food for over 300 veterans, first responders and their families, food delivery to homeless veterans, food delivery to veterans who are homebound due to health reasons, and we have worked with youth-at-risk prior to COVID 19. I am excited by the prospect of having the opportunity to collaborate with you to offer "Heart to Heart" and other programs to the men and women veterans that Veterans Base Camp Inc. serves and supports.

We are interested in hosting a group for women veterans as soon as possible, as there are few supports or services available for our women warriors who served and certainly not of the caliber offered by "Dances with Wood. (DWW)" As a therapist, I am excited to offer women veterans a therapeutic, shared creative experience that gives them a safe space to explore their strengths, hopes, and dreams as they journey through the "Boxes Program". Through the group process I can envision DWW giving the women the opportunity to see the immense depth of their own personal resiliency. It can help them reclaim their sense of hope, passion and a sense of purpose and direction. The group experience will give them what many in the service have missed-a sense of camaraderie, of belonging to a group of others who "get" what they have been through-whether it is combat, or other service connected-trauma. Once we are able to offer DWW to our women veterans, we would like to offer it to our men as well.

To facilitate the groups, Veterans Base Camp Inc. is willing to host and donate the use of our facility for any DWW groups held on site. We carry liability insurance to cover these activities as well. We look forward to working together with you and Dances with Wood to help bring healing to those who have given so much to serve and protect. Thank you for sharing the gift of DWW with us all.

Sincerely,

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