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## **Local Military Families To Receive Scholarships With Aid From Nashville based, Red Cloud Food Services (RCFS)**

*Sponsorship Supports Nashville's Second Annual Heartland4Heroes/ThanksUSA Golf Invitational*

**BRENTWOOD, TN** January 25, 2015 - RCFS is proud to partner once again with military education charity ThanksUSA in hosting Nashville's Heartland4Heroes/ThanksUSA golf tournament benefiting the families of US troops.

*The invitational will take place on Monday, July 27, 2015 at the Governor's Club in Brentwood, TN in support of personnel from nearby US Army's 101st Division at Ft. Campbell, KY.*

"This is just one way we can give back to our troops who sacrifice so much in protecting our families and freedom every day," said Robert Harrison, Chairman and owner of RCFS. "We are proud to sponsor this event for a third consecutive year, building on our 2013 inaugural tournament which funded five scholarships and were able to fund eight scholarships in 2014".

Laura Gomez-Clinton was one of those award recipients. Laura spent two years by her husband's side as he recovered in the hospital from injuries suffered in Iraq. In 2009, SSG Juan Hernandez passed away leaving her a 26-year-old widow with two children. Laura vowed to help others by pursuing a nursing degree with support from Heartland4Heroes/ThanksUSA.

"The hardest part is behind me," says Laura. "I am so proud of my husband's service and I know that he would be proud of what I have accomplished for our family."

"Laura is one of tens of thousands of military spouses and children who deserve a brighter future in recognition of all they have sacrificed for this country," said Bob Okun, CEO of ThanksUSA. "The US presence in Iraq and Afghanistan may be ending, but our Armed Forces and their families still need our help."

ThanksUSA is a national non-profit organization that provides need-based college, technical and vocational school scholarships across all Armed Forces, the Reserves and the Coast Guard. Special consideration is given to families who have lost a loved one. Since 2006, ThanksUSA has awarded more than 3,000 scholarships totaling almost \$10 million. Recently, ThanksUSA was ranked by CNBC as #2 of the top 10 Charities that support our Veterans.

Participants in the Brentwood invitational will include Wounded Warriors and Army personnel from Fort Campbell. RCFS encourages individuals and local businesses to join its effort and demonstrate their commitment to those serving at Fort Campbell by becoming sponsors and/or participating in the tournament.

***Registration for the event will begin at 7:00 am with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. A reception and awards ceremony will be held from approximately 1:30 -3:30 p.m. The Governors Club is located at 9681 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN.***

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**About ThanksUSA**

Founded in the fall of 2005, ThanksUSA, a non-partisan 501(c) (3) organization, is an effort to thank the men and women of our armed forces and their families for their service to the country with the gift of education. The organization provides need-based, post-secondary education opportunities to the children and spouses of active-duty status military personnel through competitive scholarships. For more information, please visit [www.ThanksUSA.org](http://www.ThanksUSA.org).

**About Red Cloud Food Services, Inc.**

RCFS is an SDB certified Native American food & beverage manufacturing, marketing and distribution company with its office located in Nashville, Tennessee. Our American Indian background provides us with an appreciation, and rich sense of history. We frequently partner with other organizations and companies within the American Indian community in order to better serve our customers and clients. RCFS distributes cooked meats, sliced deli meats, gourmet sandwiches and healthy hand-held baked products as well as a variety of energy drinks. It is always our intent to give back to those that serve our Country in any productive way we can, such as the Heartland 4 Heroes/ThanksUSA Golf Event.

RCFS also is a supporter of Mountain Chiefs, an organization that helps Native American children throughout the country, learn athletic skills thru basketball, camaraderie, and helps build their overall self-esteem. In addition, RCFS is also a supporter of the United South and Eastern Tribes organization (USET) here in Nashville.

**About Robert Harrison, Chairman/CEO of Red Cloud Food Services**

Robert Harrison is a proud Native American from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in Ft. Yates, North Dakota. He is also the first Native American to be inducted into the American Football Association (AFA) Semi Pro Football League Hall of Fame. He was inducted in 2011.