



HD Supply Title Sponsor of 2019 Shepherd's Men Run

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Shepherd's Men Set \$1.2 Million Fundraising Goal for TBI and PTSD Research and Treatment

ATLANTA, May 02, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- HD Supply (NASDAQ:HDS) proudly announces its fifth consecutive year as the title sponsor of the Shepherd's Men Run. The seven-day run is led by the Shepherd's Men – a 12-member team of active-duty, medically retired and honorably discharged servicemen; civilian patriots; and HD Supply's Chairman and CEO Joe DeAngelo as an honorary member – to raise awareness and this year's goal of more than \$1.2 million to support the Atlanta-based Shepherd Center's SHARE Military Initiative.

Every day from May 21 through May 27, the Shepherd's Men will run 13.7 miles (22 kilometers) while wearing 22-pound flak vests with armor plates to symbolize and honor the 22 U.S. veterans who commit suicide every day. The vests simulate the gear worn by U.S. military troops and provide visible acknowledgement of the physical, mental and emotional burdens many veterans experience after returning home from combat. DeAngelo will match the team mile-for-mile remotely while wearing the 22-pound flak vest, and he will join them for the kick off in New York and the final leg of the run in Atlanta.

The Shepherd's Men raise funds and awareness for the SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center in Atlanta. This comprehensive rehabilitation program focuses on assessment and treatment for military veterans who have sustained a mild-to-moderate Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a result of post-9/11 conflicts.

"Our HD Supply Family is incredibly privileged and honored to support the Shepherd's Men and their unwavering commitment to helping our veterans come all the way home and fully enjoy the freedoms they fought so valiantly to protect," said DeAngelo. "We are indebted to our brave, selfless military veterans who have answered the call of duty to proudly serve and defend our country and way of life. They fought for us and it is our time to fight for them."

On May 3, HD Supply will present a sponsorship check of \$50,000 to the SHARE Military Initiative at HD Supply's headquarters in Atlanta.

This year, members of Shepherd's Men will visit the following cities as part of their cross-country run:

- May 19 – New York City kick-off at Freedom Tower I where, they will climb 180 flights of stairs to the top of the 104-story building
- May 21 – Groton, CT
- May 22 – New York City
- May 23 – Washington D.C.
- May 24 – Johnson City, TN
- May 25 – Nashville, TN
- May 26 – Athens, GA
- May 27 – Atlanta, GA as they culminate their run at Shepherd Center

Anyone interested in showing their support by running, no matter the distance, alongside the Shepherd's Men is encouraged to join their journey.

"We run to remind our veterans that they're not alone and have a support system standing beside them every step of the way," said Shepherd's Men co-founder and 2017 Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation Citizen Heroes Award recipient Travis Ellis. "We believe that raising awareness of the silent injuries of war is essential so that treatment can be offered, at no cost, to any veteran in need. Our veterans made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our way of life, and we run to honor their legacy and service as we can't put into words how much their service means to us."

The Shepherd's Men goal for 2019 is to raise more than \$1.2 million, enough to fully fund the SHARE Military Initiative's annual operating budget. Since its inception in 2014, the team has raised more than \$4.25 million for SHARE. Visit www.shepherdsmen.com for more information and to make donations.

About Shepherd's Men

Shepherd's Men is an organization comprised of dedicated patriots committed to creating advocacy and opportunity for our nation's heroes who have been affected by the hidden injuries of war. They serve our noble warriors by means of outreach, empowerment and the funding of treatment. It is their belief that victory in combat is achieved on two fronts – on the field and in the mind. They will share the burden and lift up our war fighters in need.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Shepherd's Men are proudly running to raise funds and awareness for the SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center in Atlanta. This comprehensive rehabilitation program focuses on assessment and treatment for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who suffer from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorders. The 2019 runners are active, medically retired and honorably discharged servicemen and civilian patriots who are committed to helping those veterans who have sacrificed so much for this country and for everyone who enjoys the freedoms they volunteered to protect. For more information, please visit www.shepherdsmen.com. #SHARETheBurden22

About Shepherd Center

Shepherd Center, located in Atlanta, is a private, not-for-profit hospital specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord or brain injury, multiple sclerosis, spine and chronic pain and other neuromuscular conditions. Founded in 1975, Shepherd Center is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the top 10 rehabilitation hospitals in the nation. This 152-bed facility treats more than 900 inpatients, 575 day-program patients and more than 7,100 outpatients each year. Patients travel from across the nation – and even the globe – to Shepherd Center for its innovative brand of neurorehabilitation. For more information, visit Shepherd Center online at www.shepherd.org.

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