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**VETERANS HEALING INITIATIVE AWARDS GRANTS TO PROVIDE  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, TRAUMA TREATMENT FUNDING FOR VETERANS**

*Loyola Recovery Foundation and Samaritan Village of New York, La Paloma of Memphis  
Receive Grants for Veterans' Dual-Diagnosis Treatment*

**GREENVILLE, S.C. (December 20, 2011)**—The Veterans Healing Initiative (VHI) today announced the awarding of grants to Loyola Recovery Foundation of Pittsford, New York, Samaritan Village of New York, and La Paloma of Memphis, Tenn., to provide clinical treatment for military veterans suffering from substance abuse and trauma disorders, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The three grants total more than \$300,000. VHI is the nation's first and only nonprofit organization solely dedicated to providing access to treatment for substance abuse and trauma disorders to veterans who would otherwise go without care.

"VHI is committed to funding treatment for substance abuse and trauma for these men and women who have served our country," said Margaret Stone, VHI's chairman and president. "Even as U.S. troops withdraw from Iraq, our soldiers continue to struggle with physical and psychological pain from their service. These invisible but very real injuries include PTSD, prescription drug addiction stemming from chronic pain management, and sexual trauma among women veterans.

"Federal and public programs are overwhelmed, and too many veterans struggle to get clinical and medical care," Ms. Stone continued. "VHI is committed to expanding the treatment network available for these men and women, and getting them the medical and psychological care they deserve. We're pleased to make these grants to Loyola, Samaritan Village and La Paloma, which were based on comprehensive reviews and clinical evaluations gauging their effectiveness in helping veterans heal from these devastating war wounds."

Loyola Recovery Foundation, operating in partnership with the Veterans Administration, provides addiction recovery treatment to veterans through its facilities in Albany and Bath, N.Y. Samaritan Village provides dual-diagnosis treatment and a continuum of care through two residential programs for male veterans in New York City and one residential program for female veterans in Ellenville, N.Y. La Paloma provides in-patient, dual-diagnosis recovery and trauma programs for veterans through its facility in Memphis.

VHI's mission is threefold: To pay for the cost of substance abuse and trauma disorder treatment to veterans who would otherwise go without care; increase the number of clinically and medically approved dual-diagnosis treatment programs for veterans; and to achieve measurable outcomes that affect patient care, and share those findings with the broader healthcare community.

**About Veterans Healing Initiative**

Veterans Healing Initiative (VHI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to treatment for military veterans suffering from substance abuse and trauma disorders. To make a donation, or for more information about VHI's programs and grant eligibility, please visit [www.vetshealing.org](http://www.vetshealing.org).

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