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RE: Captain Joseph House Foundation

To Whom It May Concern:

We recently had the opportunity to speak with Betsy Reed Schultz, mother of decorated Green Beret Captain Joseph William Schultz, who died in Wardak Province, Afghanistan on May 29, 2011. During our conversation, she shared with us the plans she has made to honor her son and those families who have also paid the ultimate sacrifice. Betsy plans to renovate her former bed and breakfast to accommodate families of the Fallen for an expense-paid respite on the beautiful Olympic Peninsula.

The Captain Joseph House Foundation (Foundation) was incorporated on August 11, 2011; its application for 501(c) (3) tax exempt status is pending with the IRS. Individuals from around the country with a cross section of interests, varied backgrounds, real world knowledge and expertise in the areas of government, military, finance, corporate planning, marketing, fundraising, non-profits, medical, advertising make up the 15 member Board of Directors. These individuals knew Captain Schultz personally and professionally and have committed their time and energy to make this Foundation happen.

The Foundation provides a unique service, extending the continuum of care for military families who have lost a loved one and made the ultimate sacrifice. The Foundation is prepared to provide a respite as an opportunity to rebuild and create new family memories and educational support through a small scholarship program to families of the Fallen.

We highly encourage you to support the Captain Joseph House Foundation in their commitment and ours, to honor, respect and remember the men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms through supporting their families, who also paid the ultimate price in the loss of their loved one.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Gregoire in black ink.

Michael Gregoire
First Gentleman
State of Washington

Handwritten signature of John E. Lee in blue ink.

John E. Lee
Director
Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs