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Mr. Chair and Comrades,

My name is WO (ret) Christopher Jeapes from Heroes Mending in the Fly Canada, Ontario Chapter (HMFC). Our organization serves our active and retired Canadian military and RCMP personnel who have been injured physically and/or psychologically led in line of duty were Canada has been involved and more specifically, the one from Afghanistan.

HMFC is unique; our volunteers are teaching classes on an ongoing, long-term basis. It is much more than a one-day fishing trip. For many participants, particularly disabled veterans, the socialization and camaraderie of the classes are just as important as the fishing outings and provide to them a new activity for the rest of their life.

We are a non-profit organization, and we will shortly open more chapter in Ontario, and we are also in the planning to do 3 activities with Ontario veterans. This year, for the first time, we will be doing an activity who we are including the veteran spouse. This special activity will be held on the first weekend of October at the Scotsman Point Resort. Find attached to this letter a quick financial breakdown of those planned activities. We have been recognized by the VSS Committee at Dominion Command that our program is in accordance with the article403L the Veteran transition program in the Poppy fund manual. Your support will enable us to build more program in Ontario for the benefit of our veterans. We will also ask you to advise all Ontario branches, that we will ask for their support as well more specifically where new chapter will be opening.

I'm attached to this letter our program brochure and some testimonies from past participants.

Healing those who serve.

Sincerely yours.

Christopher Jeapes, CD Ontario Provincial Director

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