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185 for Heroes receives 501(c)(3) status

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185 for Heroes is pleased to announce their recent designation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The news comes at an exciting time, one week before the organization hosts its 5th annual endurance event to raise money and awareness for wounded veterans. “We are thrilled about the new 501(c)(3) status which will enable us to further our support of our country’s wounded warriors through new and exciting opportunities,” said 185 for Heroes Vice President and Co-Founder, Ashley Ackenhausen.

185 for Heroes started in the spring of 2010, when Ashley and her brother Clay Anderson, challenged themselves to run the 185 miles of the C&O canal, from Cumberland, MD to Washington, D.C., to support veterans. What started as a fun sibling rivalry quickly turned into an annual charitable event that grew strong support and followers. It was clear after that first year that their mission of honoring wounded veterans could take off into something much larger than they had originally envisioned. Five years later, the nonprofit has raised over \$55,000 for wounded veterans and has grown a network of over 700 supporters.

This year, on Sunday, September 14th, 2014 runners Paul Koczera and Jeremy Rausa will begin their 185-mile, weeklong journey on the C&O canal. The week will conclude on Saturday, September 20th in a final ceremony at Georgetown University, where guests will hear from select speakers and four wounded veterans will be individually honored for their service. 100% of funds raised during the event will go directly to [Operation Second Chance](#), a nonprofit that assists veterans and their families through their recovery process and transition back to civilian life.

For more information about 185 for Heroes and to make a donation, please visit:
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