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**USABlueBook Fundraiser Supports Critical Rehabilitation for Military Veterans**

**WAUKEGAN, Ill., October 5, 2017** — USABlueBook, an HD Supply company, presented a check for \$153,472 to Shepherd's Men during a ceremony at its Waukegan, Ill. headquarters on Monday, September 11. This donation will fund critical rehabilitation for military veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The funds were raised through support from USABlueBook's customers during the company's annual "Red, White and USABlueBook" promotion. During this promotion, a percentage of proceeds from specific purchases are donated to that year's designated veterans' organization. USABlueBook set a 2017 goal of \$50,000 for Shepherd's Men, but more than tripled that.

"The Shepherd's Men are overwhelmed by the generosity of USABlueBook and their customers," said Shepherd's Men co-founder Travis Ellis. "We have great pride and purpose in our mission to save the lives of our military men and women who suffer long after returning home from the battlefield. Lives will be saved and generations positively affected by the outpouring of support from USABlueBook and their dedicated customer base."

A video of the check presentation, including comments from Shepherd's Men co-founder Travis Ellis, is available on the USABlueBook Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/OfficialUSABlueBook.com](http://www.facebook.com/OfficialUSABlueBook.com).

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### **About Shepherd's Men**

Shepherd's Men is a group of servicemen and civilians dedicated to raising awareness and funds for the SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center. SHARE is a comprehensive rehabilitation program focusing 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. As part of their 2017 fundraising campaign, Shepherd's Men ran 13.7 miles (22K) each day for eight consecutive days—all while wearing 22-lb flak vests and armor plates symbolizing the 22 deaths by suicide of U.S. veterans every day. The Shepherd's Men's 2017 goal is to raise \$2.2 million, with 100% of the proceeds going to the SHARE Military Initiative.

### **About Shepherd Center**

SHARE is located at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, a private, not-for-profit hospital specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury or brain injury. It is ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top 10 rehabilitation hospitals in the nation.

### **About USABlueBook**

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