



**OPERATION
SECOND CHANCE**
is proud to share
**HEROES RIDGE
AT RAVEN ROCK**



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Imagine what we can accomplish together!

OUR MISSION

Operation Second Chance is a dedicated group of patriotic citizens committed to serving our wounded, injured and ill combat veterans. We support Veterans and their families by building relationships and identifying and supporting the immediate needs and interests while promoting public awareness of the many sacrifices made by our Armed Forces.

Veterans are supported from meals, cookouts and entertainment to morale building retreats and financial assistance for individual wounded soldier's expenses including utilities, mortgage payments, medical equipment, grocery gift cards, clothing, travel and car repairs.

Operation Second Chance began in 2004 with the kindness of Cindy McGrew, CEO and Founder. Cindy came to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center giving her support to seven injured soldiers and their families. Operation Second Chance has now provided over \$9 million worth of assistance and support because of the generosity of the Americans these heroes protect.

As Operation Second Chance helps Heroes Move On, Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock provides rest, recreation and tranquility for Veterans, First Responders, and their families.



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*If you are struggling or lost,
Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock is a
place you can always call home.*

Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock

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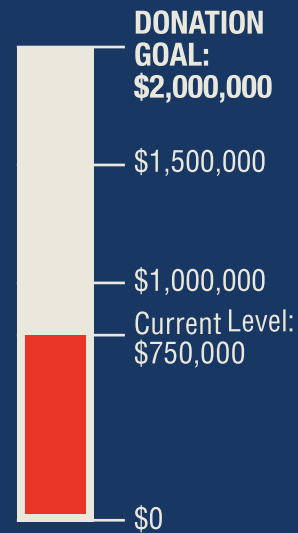
- 275 Acre property across MD and PA
- 4 cabins, including 2 ADA accessible
- Barn and horses
- 20' x 50' saltwater pool
- Full basketball court
- Football field
- Gym
- Dining hall
- Recreation room
- Hiking trails
- Playground
- ATV riding: 2 ATVs and a 6 seater Polaris
- Fishing
- A historical home
- Fire pit
- Awe-inspiring views



Our Wishlist

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- A. Service dog facilities
- B. ATV's and storage facility
- C. Renovation of original homestead
- D. Pavilions
- E. Obstacle course
- F. Golf cart(s)
- G. Paved driveway
- H. Recreation items: metal detectors, outdoor movie projector





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Activities & Programs

A safe place to reconnect in a therapeutic landscape.

Battle Buddies: Connecting with other veterans

Caregivers Retreat: Massages, yoga, cooking classes, gardening, art classes and wellness activities for those who care for our veterans

History Retreat: Civil War reenactments, fireside storytelling, poetry

Family Healing: War artifact scavenger hunts, family dinners, meeting other families, celebrations

Seasonal Retreats: Skiing, swimming, fly fishing, hiking

Service Projects: Bird houses, trail maintenance, art installations



A shared experience in nature improves social relationships, life satisfaction, happiness and decreases stress. Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock is a gift of healing to the many who deserve it.





*"At this very challenging time, Operation Second Chance gave me and my family a great opportunity to **enjoy, relax and bond** for 4 days at the Lake House in SC! I am forever grateful to this program and to the 2 recreational coordinators, Lisa Lourake and Katie Sanders, for making this possible. Just being at the Lake House gave me a sense of peacefulness within. The quiet location, the water in front of the house is so relaxing and is a great therapy for someone who has a hard time sleeping. Again, thank you for those amazing 4 days!"*



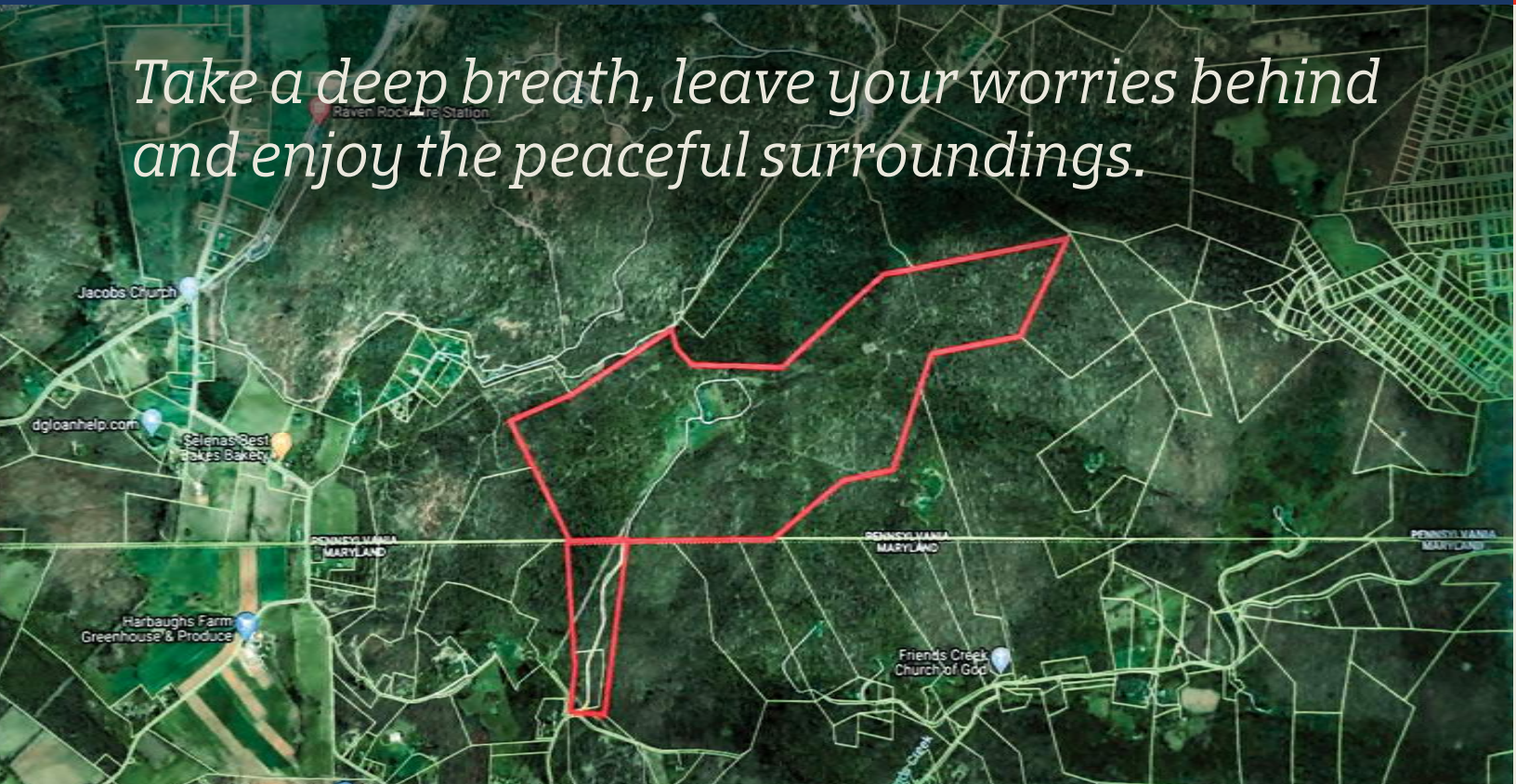
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Our Location

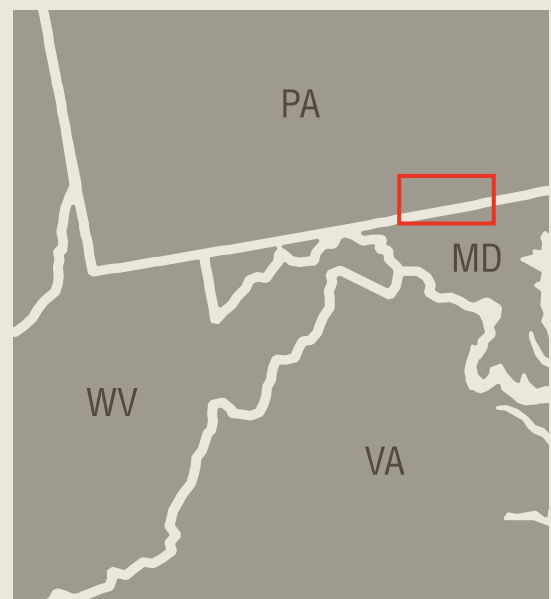
Take a deep breath, leave your worries behind and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.



Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock
17870 Harbaugh Valley Road
Sabillasville, MD 21780

DISTANCE TO: (MILES)

Friends Creek	2.9
Ski Liberty	8.1
Camp David	14.8
Gettysburg	16.3
Antietam Creek	21.6
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center	60.9



“I know I have to leave soon, but I just don’t want to go.”

You can make a difference by donating.

Your donation to Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock will give peace and healing to our heroes.

A ONE-TIME OR MONTHLY GIFT IN HONOR, MEMORY, OR SUPPORT OF A HERO CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT

- Sponsor a building or activity
- Corporate or Family Foundation donations
- Host a fundraiser in your area
- Contact us to get involved
- Combined Federal Campaign for Government and Military personnel to contribute CFC#93327

With each stick thrown into the fire our veterans begin to separate from their trauma and feel freer to create a new chapter and move forward with their lives.



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Our Accomplishments

Your donation has given the veterans who sacrificed for us a chance to heal.

- **USSOCOM Care Coalition Conference invitee** 2007–2017
- **Republican All American Inaugural Hero 2017**– Presented to Cindy McGrew
- **USSOCOM Patriot Award**–Presented to Cindy McGrew “For Significant and Enduring Support of USSOCOM’s Wounded Warriors and their Families”
- **Rated Best Charity to Donate to** by www.business.org–2018
- **4 Star Rating from Charity Navigator**
- **Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Veteran Service Award**
- **Voted #7 in the TOP TEN Veteran Organizations in the Nation** by www.military.com



2022 Year in Review

\$1,600,000

In 2022, **Operation Second Chance** provided assistance and care when it was needed most during a challenging year.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

OSC provided assistance or morale to

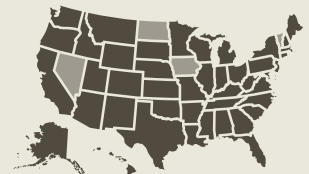
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veterans, service members and their families.

This includes those who received financial assistance, participated in one of our morale events or attended a retreat.

OSC provided assistance to veterans in **39 STATES, D.C. & U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**



MORALE

931 family members attended crafting get-togethers, gardening events and COVID19-friendly porch photo shoots.



FLIGHTS AND LODGING

By providing **emergency flights and lodging**, OSC gives families the opportunity to come together and heal.



We made **32 flights**



We provided lodging for **116 families**



We paid utilities to keep electric and water turned on for **40 families**

SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE



Car payments were made for **30 families.**



Medical supplies and other emergency assistance including dog boarding, shower chairs and PTS special clinics not covered by VA or TriCare were provided.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

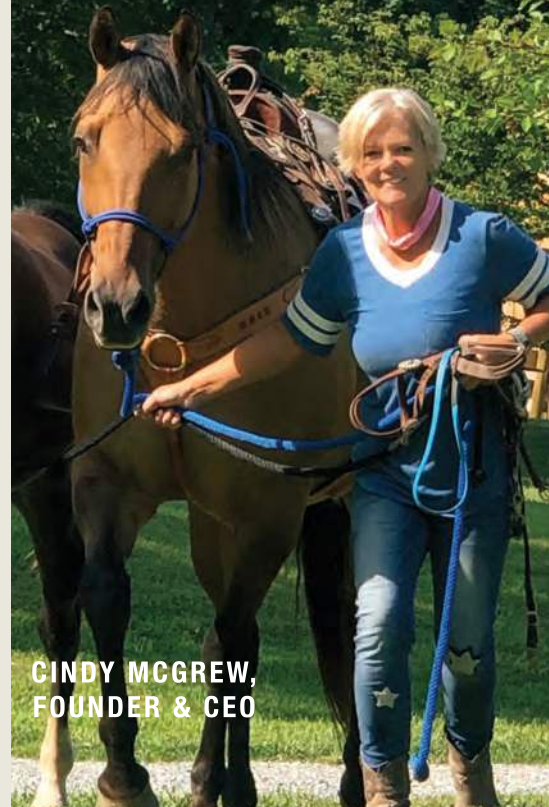
Rated as the **Best Charity to donate to in Maryland** by Business.org

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The History of Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock

The generosity of Mrs. Nahrgang, widow of a Marine, made the purchase of Heroes Ridge a reality in 2019. The family lived in Columbia, MD with their only child who passed away in a car accident at the young age of 19. When Francis passed away in her nineties, she graciously left her estate to Operation Second Chance (OSC). This donation was the foundation for building the veteran retreat property that was originally a Church Camp and then privately purchased in 2007. Francis felt a connection to Cindy McGrew, founder and CEO, and OSC after receiving a warm letter of thanks and a token of appreciation after she made simple furniture donation. The power of kindness, appreciation and support for our veterans is how Heroes Ridge at Raven Rock was created.



CINDY MCGREW,
FOUNDER & CEO



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WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you are a Veteran in need of assistance please email assistance@operationsecondchance.org for application directions.



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