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Local leaders give back to Ohio's veteran community

COLUMBUS, Ohio (May 4, 2016) – On Tuesday, April 26, members of Next Level Columbus delivered blankets, clothing, hygiene items, backpacks, an electric scooter, and food to Military Veterans Resource Center (MVRC). These donations followed the \$25,000 check they awarded MVRC at a Fundraising Brunch on April 23, held at VFW Post 7941 in South Bloomfield.

Made possible by Next Level Columbus's Veterans Impact Project (VIP), all donations raised for MVRC will support veterans who are homeless, unemployed, or experiencing mental or physical health conditions.

"The goal was to raise \$25,000, collect 10,000 items and make 100 connections with veterans in our community," said VIP Co-Captain Jennifer Sconyers. "Our mentality was to do whatever it takes to accomplish our goal, and we surpassed it."

Due to the support VIP received, Next Level increased their fundraising goal to \$40,000 by Friday, April 29 and to date has raised \$41,198. Donations can still be made to their Fundly site, available at www.nextlevelgives.com.

"We're humbled by Next Level's donation and their commitment to Ohio's veterans," said MVRC Executive Director Len Proper. "Because of their donation, we'll be able to serve many veterans who need help."

Next Level Columbus is a leadership program designed to help people reach new levels in the workplace and in their personal relationships. As part of their training to be leaders in the community, each graduating class must plan and complete a service project to positively impact the Columbus area.

Military Veterans Resource Center (MVRC) helps veterans develop self-reliance and independence by providing access to the resources they need to successfully manage life transitions. MVRC is based in Columbus and operates four centers throughout Ohio. For additional information, please visit www.milvetsrc.org.

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