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Press Release

Admiral William McRaven speaks at the Veterans Bridge Home Gala

WHAT: Veterans Bridge Home Star Spangled Gala

WHO: Admiral William McRaven, U.S. Navy, Retired, Navy SEAL, former commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, former Chancellor of the University of Texas System (full bio attached)

WHEN: Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 7:00p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Ballantyne Hotel, 10000 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277

CHARLOTTE— (October 6, 2018)— Veterans Bridge Home celebrated seven years of integrating Veterans and military families into our community at the inaugural Star Spangled Gala on Saturday, October 6 from 7:00-9:30p.m. at the Ballantyne Hotel.

Retired U.S. Navy Admiral, William McRaven spoke to the 370 guests about his service and the lessons learned during a career spent with the Navy SEALs and in the special operations community. Among the evening's guests were 25 generals and admirals from across the country, including former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, General James Amos, retired.

The program highlighted why rapid integration of military families and Veterans in our community is important for Veterans, as well as our businesses, community organizations and neighborhoods. It also showcased the work of Veterans Bridge Home and the network of community partners who support military veterans and their families as they move into the community.

“As the greater Charlotte-Mecklenburg region continues to grow, the number of Veterans and military families is increasing as well,” said Blake Bourne, Executive Director of Veterans Bridge Home. “Veterans are predisposed to serve. So, the communities who can rapidly integrate them, with meaningful employment, transition services, and a community of friends, will reap the civic benefits of a population who want to continue to serve out of uniform.”

Since its founding in 2011, Veterans Bridge Home has helped more than 5,000 Veterans and military families transition from military service into our community. By taking a collaborative approach with the best companies, non-profit organizations, and social groups, each Veteran and military family can receive the unique support they need and get faster access to their service-earned Veterans benefits.

About Veterans Bridge Home

Veterans Bridge Home helps Charlotte-area Veterans successfully transition home after military service by offering employment and mental health services, along with networking and fellowship opportunities. Through NCServes, the CBH team can address additional needs like education or housing, and connect them to available community, state, and federal resources. For more information about our mission and what we do, visit www.veteransbridgehome.org.