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**“TINY” TWIN OAKS BOWLING CENTER CAMPAIGN GENERATES “MIGHTY” FUNDS
TO SUPPORT HOSPITALIZED VETERANS**

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, DC -- (MARCH 17, 2017) – In just one short weekend recently, Toledo’s 12 lane Twin Oaks Lanes showed its muscle for America’s veterans, raising more than \$3,700 to support the recreational therapy programs and services to help hospitalized military veterans. The tournament was part of a nationwide program coordinated by the sport of bowling through the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL).

Twin Oaks owners Jeff and Sharon Kuhnle have hosted the annual event, conducted around Valentine’s Day, for eleven years. “It makes me proud to think we are a small center with some really awesome huge-hearted people, who allow me to push one of my passions and everyone steps up to support it.”

The Kuhnle’s make sure the event is done right – top to bottom. There are four divisions in the tournament: Mens, Womens, Youth, and Special Needs – with all winners receiving trophies. Every shift of the tournament begins with the National Anthem and veterans in attendance are recognized and thanked for their service. All participants receive a door prize. Additionally, Twin Oaks conducts a raffle with items ranging from television sets to bowling balls to gift cards for area retailers.

The Twin Oaks tournament supports the sport’s own charity – The Bowlers to Veterans Link – which contributes approximately \$1,000,000 each year for veterans’ recreation therapy programs to help boost spirits and improve morale by providing outlets for an active and engaged lifestyle.

“BVL dollars pick up where government funding leaves off,” explains BVL Board Chairman John LaSpina. “These programs are a vital link in the recuperation process. Time and time again, studies show that programs like the ones BVL provides are the key to speeding recuperation and reducing stressors like isolation and loneliness. We thank our friends at Twin Oaks for helping us in our mission to make a positive difference in the lives of our veterans and active duty military.”

Founded in 1942, BVL has been honored by the Department of Veterans Affairs for their long-time commitment to the support of our nation’s veterans. Notes VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin, “Our country’s sacred obligation to fully honor our commitments to our Veterans is deeply personal to me, and I’m particularly grateful to Bowlers to Veterans Link for joining us in their own enduring commitment and noble work for Veterans. Our duty at VA is to give back to the men and women who secured the uniquely American freedoms and opportunities we all enjoy because of the sacrifices they made. The Bowlers to Veterans Link embraces that same sense of duty in their wonderful work brightening Veterans’ lives, boosting their spirits, and helping speed their recovery. My deep thanks to BVL for steadfastly honoring Veterans’ sacrifices.”

Concludes Kuhnle: We do this out of care and compassion for our veterans and what they have done for us.” It seems only fitting: Twin Oaks opened their doors on December 7, 1941.

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