

## Lions Project New Hope Northwest

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Lions Project New Hope Northwest (LPNH NW) is alive and well after a successful rebuilding effort. The Goal is –

“To insure the effects of combat stress be dealt with, allowing individuals and families to enjoy a normal and prosperous lifestyle”

As a result of the rebuilding effort, a very successful women’s retreat was realized in October by establishing a partnership with a professional organization, Federal Way Vet Center’

For this year; five retreats have been scheduled at a new retreat site, Gwinwood Conference Grounds and Westwood Retreat Center in Lacey, WA. The retreat dates and Partners are

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| <b>June 10-12, Men’s Retreat</b> | <b>July 15-17 Family Retreat</b> | <b>Aug. 26-28 Family Retreat</b> |
| Federal Way Vet Center           | Give An Hour                     | The Soldier’s Project            |

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| <b>Sept 16-18 Women’s Retreat</b> | <b>Sept. 23-25 Family Retreat</b> |
| Federal Way Vet Center            | Give An Hour                      |

Check out the upgraded LPNH NW website for retreat details – [www.lionsprojectnewhopenw.org](http://www.lionsprojectnewhopenw.org)

Also, plans are under to conduct a day workshop for women in April. This will be the first and additional day workshops are under consideration.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lions Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) Veteran’s families and children’s weekend retreats. Because of your continued support these retreats are provided at no cost so there is not an obstacle of financial burden to our veterans. Lions Project New Hope Northwest is asking our clubs to place a line item in your budgets, for a contribution of \$250 or more, which earns the Traditional LPNHNW Banner Patch. \$500 or more earns The Joel Graves Founder’s Patch. Your sponsorship of these retreats provides valuable working tools for re- integration/resolution workshops for our veterans, their spouses and children. Chevrons provided yearly for continued donations once patches are earned.

Lions volunteers needed to fill vacancies on the Project New Hope Board and committees. Secretary, Fund Raising Oversight, Workshop Organization, Grants, Volunteer Coordinator, Public Relations Media, Kids Camp Leader and Coordinator with Lions Clubs