Concerts and Music Classes to be Launched for Veterans

What: Opening concert of Heartpower Performances season
When: 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9
Where: Dining hall of Veterans Village of San Diego, 4141 Pacific Highway, San Diego
Who/Photo Op: Dan Reagan Latin Jazz Quartet performing for veterans
Media availability: Interviews can be arranged with Dan Reagan, Professor Marian Liebowitz, head of Heartpower Performances, and Veterans Village officials before the event or at the event.

With Veterans Day just around the corner, Heartpower Performances, led by San Diego State University Professor Marian Liebowitz, is poised to launch a new season of concerts and music classes at Veterans Village of San Diego starting Nov. 9.

The program is made possible by a $15,000 grant awarded to Heartpower Performances by Disabled American Veterans. The grant will fund 12 concerts and 37 music classes at Veterans Village of San Diego, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing housing, employment assistance, drug and alcohol recovery and other services to veterans.

The goal of the program is to aid the treatment of traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and addictions in veterans in recovery. They will get to enjoy a range of genres, everything from jazz and classical music to hip hop and rock. Besides concerts, there will be hands-on music classes where they will be given the opportunity to sing and play instruments.

The opening concert at 5:45 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Veterans Village will feature the Dan Reagan Latin Jazz Quartet. Reagan, an acclaimed trombonist, has toured with the Grammy Award winning Spanish Harlem Orchestra and has served as lead in live performances by Marc Anthony and Jennifer Lopez.

About Heartpower Performances: Heartpower Performances is an outreach project for at-risk audiences and is an outgrowth of the SDSU Adams’ Project Performers Network, which provides career training and opportunities for music majors. For more information about Heartpower Performances, visit http://psfa.sdsu.edu/heartpower/ and for more information about Adams’ Project, visit http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~adamspro/

About Veterans Village of San Diego: VVSD is a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization that specializes in prevention, intervention, treatment and employment services for military veterans, including men and women who have recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan. Founded in 1981 by Vietnam veterans, VVSD has five locations throughout San Diego County and serves more than 2,000 veterans each year. For more information, visit http://www.vvsd.net/