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Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc. (PRA), a financial and business services company headquartered in Norfolk, Va., has awarded a gift of \$20,000 to support EQUI-VETS Service Program the sister program of EQUI-KIDS Therapeutic Riding Program. Serving the second-largest concentration of active and retired military in the country, EQUI-VETS offers equine assisted activities for active, reserve and retired military personnel in the Hampton Roads area who have been injured in the line of duty.

Wounded service members often come home to lives that are greatly different from the lives they led prior to an injury. Not only are they recuperating physically, but also emotionally. EQUI-VETS was created to assist in physical and mental healing through mounted and ground activities to help service men and women reconnect to their families and their lives. In honor of the service and sacrifices made by or military personnel, the EQUI-VETS program is offered at no cost to participants.

"The significant investment to support this program is tremendously appreciated and greatly needed to ensure the further expansion of EQUI-VETS this year," commented Executive Director Jill Haag. "This generous support for the Hampton Roads military community shows PRA's dedication and commitment to helping veterans. Without PRA's assistance, the opportunity for wounded service men and women to participate in the EQUI-VETS Service Program would not be possible."

Kevin Stevenson, executive vice president and chief financial and administrative officer for PRA, and current board member of EQUI-KIDS, commented, "Living and working in the Hampton Roads area, we are reminded every day of the importance of U.S. military personnel. Through support of the EQUI-VETS program, PRA is honored to be able to give back to injured military members who have given so much to our country."

Founded in 2010, the growth of the program continues to multiply. In 2012, services were provided to 17 individuals and in 2013 the organization anticipates providing service to more than 50.
