



WE HONOR VETERANS  
*Community Partner*

### Genesis HealthCare Berkshire Center, Reading, PA

As a result of the request to do more with the We Honor Veterans program, we reached out to our local Cub Scout troop in hopes of creating a new tradition of introducing our young boys to Veteran's that are often forgotten, and attempting to create a bond.



We did a co-program this year that allowed our veteran's to assist the cub scouts in earning a "Cubs Who Care" elective badge for their Wolf Rank. This was a weekend activity that brought Pack 333's Wolf Den #7 to the facility. Of the 9 boys in the den, 8 attended. Activities were set up in a "health fair" style where the cub scouts moved from station to station introduced them to disability topics with a combination of verbal and written education about disabilities, as well as hands

on experiences. Four of our Veteran's volunteered to be part of this program, unfortunately two were sick that day, but the two that did join had a wonderful time and the cub scouts did as well. The boys started the event with a Q&A session with the Veterans, which included a look at war photos of when the Vets were young -their ships etc.

As a finale, we took a group photo of our Veteran's with the cub scouts, then the boys signed the photo and the pictures were framed by staff. The pictures now hang in the Veteran's rooms. This program was a great success and both Veterans are still telling people about the event as a result of the hanging photo's which allow an ongoing dialogue and ongoing service recognition to these Veterans'. We hope that the attendance next year will not be thwarted by illness, and that through the Veteran's that participated this year and are 'talking the event up' that we may have a few more volunteers next year.