



***A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE***  
***April 6 – 8, 2014***  
***Washington, D.C.***

Give an Hour ([www.giveanhour.org](http://www.giveanhour.org)), a national nonprofit organization founded to provide free mental health services to military personnel, veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, their loved ones, and their communities, is hosting a series of inspiring events in Washington, D.C., April 6-8, 2014, under the banner ***A Celebration of Service***.

While there are countless admirable causes serving the needs of the military men and women and veterans who have selflessly served our country, Give an Hour is unique in its scope: its national network of more than 7,000 licensed mental health professionals (in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam) has given more than 100,000 hours in free counseling services.

In 2012, Mrs. Obama and Dr. Biden named Give an Hour one of five winners of the White House Joining Forces Challenge. Also in 2012, Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen, founder and president of Give an Hour, was named to TIME's list of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

***A Celebration of Service*** will include a community service day, a conference for students in mental health disciplines, and an evening reception and performance of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Water by the Spoonful* at the Studio Theatre on April 8, 2014. These events will bring together colleagues from the military, government, corporate, educational, and nonprofit worlds to focus on service and train the next generation of mental health professionals while encouraging volunteerism, engaging communities, and creating awareness of the need for critical mental health services.

***Sunday Afternoon, April 6, 2014***

***A Celebration of Service Community Project***

Working with City Year and other partners, we will invite military leaders, conference attendees, and local students to roll up their sleeves and work side-by-side with veterans on a community project in Washington, D.C.

***Monday, April 7, 2014***

***National Day of Training: Educating the Next Generation of Mental Health Professionals about Military Mental Health***

Give an Hour is proud to be the lead activation partner for the health pillar of the Got Your 6 campaign ([www.gotyour6.org](http://www.gotyour6.org)), a national public awareness effort led by the entertainment industry and top-tier national nonprofits. As part of our commitment to Got Your 6 and the Clinton Global Initiative to educate 100,000 students in mental health disciplines about the issues affecting military families, we are gathering some of the greatest thinkers and doers in the fields of military culture, military medicine, mental health, and civic engagement.

Our all-day conference will educate the next generation of mental health professionals on topics such as the use of technology to support those who serve and their families, nontraditional forms of healing ,



and the effect of war on children of those who serve. The conference will be live streamed to universities and colleges nationwide and will offer all participants (in person and virtual) the opportunity to join the Q&As following the panel discussions.

***Tuesday Evening, April 8, 2014***

***A Celebration of Service VIP Reception and Performance at Studio Theatre***

Our three days of events culminate with a reception and performance of Quiara Alegría Hudes's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Water by the Spoonful* at the Studio Theatre, in Washington, D.C.'s vibrant 14th Street corridor.

During our VIP reception, we will honor USMC veteran Brendan O'Toole with the Give an Hour Celebration of Service Award. Brendan completed his 3,600-mile Run for the Veterans in honor of the men and women who have served Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Our evening will end with a Q&A followed by a dessert reception.