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Pain Free Patriots Founder Honored with Twin Cities Film Fest Changemaker Award

Minnetonka, Minn. - Oct. 28, 2016 – Almost without exception, conversations with Doug Huseby turn to the troops.

“Without our veterans, we wouldn’t be here,” Huseby, owner of Becker Furniture World and founder of non-profit Pain Free Patriots explains. “Our military men and women risk their lives so that we can be free, and it’s our responsibility to take care of them when they come home.”

It’s Huseby’s commitment to providing the latest pain relief technology to veterans that earned him a 2016 Twin Cities Film Fest Changemaker Award.

Each year, the Twin Cities Film Fest Changemaker Series features documentary films related to a social justice issue. When Film Fest organizers chose to highlight veteran support, Huseby’s name immediately rose to the top as a community member who embodies the mission of the films: to bring attention to the physical, mental and emotional challenges faced by veterans when they return from combat.

“The goal of the Changemaker Series and Award is to highlight inspiring films that encourage our viewers to take action. One natural way to do that is by getting involved with a community nonprofit,” said Dani Palmer, Twin Cities Film Fest Development Director.

Huseby attended the Film Fest’s screening of *Blood Stripe*, a narrative film about a female combat veteran who struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder upon her return from Afghanistan. At the screening, Huseby was able to share information about Pain Free Patriots with many of the attendees. Attendees also were able to listen to local band Maiden Dixie perform a song they wrote exclusively to benefit the work of Pain Free Patriots. Huseby hopes that the charity’s exposure at the event will help spread awareness to veterans as well as encourage more companies and individuals to lend financial support to help sustain the services.

“Our mobile units have helped deliver advanced pain relief technology and protocols to nearly 500 veterans in the last five years. However, there are nearly 370,000 veterans living in Minnesota, and we estimate that 44% of them suffer with chronic pain. The more people who get on board to help, the more veterans we can serve,” said Huseby.

Founded in 2010, **Pain Free Patriots** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to delivering no-cost pain relief technology to United States Veterans who are struggling with chronic pain. Our mission is to help America’s heroes live pain-free lives. www.painfreepatriots.org

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Photo Caption (Huseby.jpg): Doug Huseby, Founder of Pain Free Patriots, celebrates 2016 Twin Cities Film Fest Changemaker Award with members of local band and charity supporter Maiden Dixie.

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