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LifeView Group named VETS Indexes 3 Star Employer

Pensacola, Fla. (May 1, 2024) – <u>LifeView Group</u> has been designated a VETS Indexes 3 Star Employer for 2024, recognizing the organization's commitment to recruiting, hiring, retaining, developing and supporting veterans and the military-connected community.

LifeView Group supports veterans and their families through its three affiliates:

- <u>Global Connections to Employment (GCE)</u> is a nationwide team providing jobs and training for people with significant disabilities, including war-wounded veterans.
- <u>FamiliesFirst Network</u> Child welfare services help military families finalize adoptions of children in foster care.
- <u>Lakeview Center</u> A range of behavioral health services are available to veterans and their families including <u>outpatient counseling</u>, <u>psychiatry</u>, <u>crisis</u> care, treatments for <u>substance misuse</u> and <u>24/7 residential programs</u>.

Currently, 160 veterans work at <u>LifeView Group sites</u> across the country. Team members work at <u>military bases</u>, commercial businesses and in health care environments. Targeted employment navigators are available to assist <u>veteran team members</u> in achieving a successful transition into the workforce, and a Veterans Employee Resource Group supports team members to ensure a great work experience within the organization.

GCE is also proud to be listed in the National Resource Directory, a searchable database of resources specifically vetted for service members, veterans, family members and caregivers. GCE is also Virginia Values Veterans Certified, a participant in Army Partnership for Youth Success and a Department of Defense Skillbridge provider.

"Whether it's supporting military families or hiring a veteran, we actively look for opportunities to support the military community from our sites in south Florida to Alaska," said Sandy Whitaker, vice president of corporate development for LifeView Group. "Veterans bring valuable skills and experience into the work force. They are mission-minded individuals who share LifeView Group's values. We are honored by this designation and by the opportunity to serve our military partners."

As the most objective and comprehensive evaluation of veteran employers, the VETS Indexes Employer Awards program has set a new standard in veteran employment data. VETS Indexes and its Employer Awards have been featured on CNBC, Fox Business and BNN Bloomberg, as well as military-specific outlets, including Military.com, Military Times and Stars & Stripes. This in-depth survey and recognition program analyzes employers' policies, practices, and outcomes in detail, across the following categories:

Veteran job candidate recruiting and hiring

- Veteran employee development and retention
- Veteran-inclusive policies and culture
- Support for members of the National Guard and Reserves
- Military spouse/family support

"The diligent efforts of LifeView Group to hire, retain and support veterans and the military-connected community have earned the organization a highly coveted VETS Indexes Employer Award," said George Altman, president of VETS Indexes. "Competition for the VETS Indexes Employer Awards was tougher than ever in 2024, as a record number of organizations participated. Even with hundreds of employers in the running, LifeView Group demonstrated a strong dedication to veteran employment."

To see the full slate of awardees or learn about the selection process, visit <u>vetsindexes.com/award-results-2024</u>.

About LifeView Group

LifeView Group is a nonprofit family of companies with a mission of "helping people." Our 2,500 team members impact lives in multiple states and the District of Columbia. As a parent company, LifeView Group's work encompasses three divisions – Lakeview Center's behavioral health care, FamiliesFirst Network's child welfare support and Global Connections to Employment's career services for people with disabilities. Learn more at LifeViewGroup.org.

About VETS Indexes

VETS Indexes is a leading voice on veteran employment issues, overseeing the <u>VETS Indexes Employer Awards</u>, hosting the <u>Employing U.S. Vets Conference</u>, unearthing unique and unprecedented data on veteran employment through the <u>Veteran Employment Benchmarking Service</u>, and developing custom indexes, linked to financial products, that track the performance of the publicly traded companies that have established themselves as the best employers for veterans.

The <u>VETSX</u> and <u>VTRNIX</u> indexes were created on the premise that the companies that make the best use of the highly talented, yet under-valued, talent pool that veterans represent will ultimately see a benefit to their bottom lines. The performance of the indexes has emphatically confirmed that thesis, outpacing the S&P 500.

As the world's first resource for U.S.-veteran-themed indexes, our mission is to provide innovative solutions that recognize the value created by the mission-critical mindset, unique skills, and specialized training that veterans bring to the workplace. Our mission also includes a commitment to always donate a significant portion (target of 20% and no less than 5%) of our net profits to charitable organizations that support veterans and their families.

Learn more about us at <u>VETSIndexes.com</u> and follow us on social media channels via <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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