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It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the inaugural Kant Institute Veteran's Initiative. Director of Curriculum Studies at the Kant Institute, Dr. Julie Thompson-Dobkin, has been instrumental in utilizing art as an educational tool throughout various socially challenging situations with her work on Hidden Truths Project (HTP). She has found that in many of these instances, art becomes a language to reflect emotions or experiences that often times defy the use of words. Through HTP's initial work in the field of epilepsy, Dr. Thompson-Dobkin helped to abolish barriers and misconstrued biases with the goal of education, understanding, and acceptance.

In 2015, Hidden Truths Project will partner with the Kant Institute in order to broaden the scope of the project. In November of 2015, HTP's Veterans Initiative will launch its inaugural fundraiser and book in Washington, DC. The specific focus of the fundraiser is the showcasing of artistic efforts of veterans around the country and their experiences. The book will include selections of the works and stories, alongside essays from leading members of the military and political communities discussing the military-civilian divide in the United States. A portion of the proceeds from the book and the event will benefit a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated towards veterans affairs.

Through our joint efforts with this event, we hope that you'll become an instrument of change to raise awareness about veterans issues and stimulate broader public discussion on this key issue for our nation.

Warm Regards,

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