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## **Indianapolis VA Medical Center receives grant from Lilly Endowment**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will receive \$9.9 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to greatly enhance the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis.

With a focus on returning veterans from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan the grant will be used to build a \$5.8 million Seamless Transition Integrated Care Clinic where returning troops will receive comprehensive health care in a cohesive multi-disciplinary team provider approach. Another \$3.5 million will be used to build a 28-suite comfort home that will provide accommodations for veterans' families during extended periods of care. The final portions of the money will be used to institute retreats, where veterans and their spouse or significant other can become reunited and learn to work through the difficulties typically associated with returning from deployment, and \$500,000 will be designated to the National Veterans Golden Age Games which the medical center will host in Summer 2008.

“Due to the life-saving technology and incredible advances in medicine saving our troops on the battlefield today, we are privileged to have the challenge of providing the best health care in the best environments for our veterans tomorrow,” said Susan Bowers, Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center Director. “Through the generosity of the Lilly Endowment, the Indiana Veterans Enhanced Services Initiative enables the Richard L Roudebush VA Medical Center to be a national model of integrated, holistic care exemplifying the mission of service to the newest of our nation’s veterans.”

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