

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I am pleased to send my warmest greetings to all those attending the dedication of the Middle Rio Grande YWCA's transitional living center, Henderson House.

As you know, supporting our veterans, service members and their families is one of my defining missions as First Lady. Each day, I am encouraged by the strength, service, and commitment to excellence our troops demonstrate, and your efforts to assist those who have worn the uniform of the United States and their families inspire us all.

Our military men and women work tirelessly to defend our Nation, and they deserve our support long after the welcome home ceremonies are over. By providing shelter, counseling, and career training for our female veterans, organizations like the YWCA lend a needed hand to our military families, and help strengthen the fabric of our Nation.

I truly believe that supporting our veterans is a cause in which every American can find a role—and all of you have shown just that. Thank you for the work that you do, and I wish you all the best.

*Michelle Obama*