

# Why a Healing Field?



It sounds presumptuous to think that a field of flags could “heal”, but one has to experience it to understand the effect of walking through a field filled with 3,000 + flags, on eight foot poles, each representing someone who is either a veteran, currently serving in the military, or serving our communities as either a firefighter, in law enforcement or in the emergency medical field.

As one walks through, looking for the flag they sponsored, one starts to recognize some of the names on other flags or they may notice the picture or note or flowers that a sponsor has left on or by the flag honoring their hero. One begins to realize just how many in our own community have sacrificed to help make our homeland safe for our families.

The healing comes in many ways.

These stories come from people we have met as we volunteered during another healing field.

WWII veterans who were in their 80’s and 90’s, were brought from a nursing home but couldn’t leave the van. A volunteer escorted them past the barricades with the side doors wide open so the men could view the field as close as possible and then had them turn around and do it again. They told the volunteer “Thank You, Thank You” over and over again. Later we received a thank you card from the nursing home saying how the only thing the gentlemen could talk about for weeks was how wonderful the field was and how good it felt to be recognized in such a manner and how lucky they were to be alive to see it.

The Vietnam vet who never spoke to his family about his time in the service until he volunteered to help at the Healing Field. Or the Vietnam vet who came up to our booth at a fair and wanted to know what the Healing Field was about and after listening intently until the end, he began poking the chest of the volunteer. And with tears in his eyes he began telling the volunteer “This is a good thing your doing, if my buddy had been to one of these he might still be alive today” . His friend had committed suicide because of the experiences he endured in Vietnam and the lack of support and respect that was given to the soldiers who served at that time.

Or the family of a fireman, telling how proud they are of him and how they pray for God to watch out over him everytime he is called to a fire.

And so many stories of our police and first responders who help in so many ways that the stories could fill a book!

Someone even told me that while visiting the field she saw a flag for her ex-husband and being recently divorced she wasn't having the nicest feelings for him. But seeing that flag made her stop and remember that even though they were no longer together he was still a good man. Being in the field that night and seeing that flag, she said, had helped her heart to heal in a way she never expected.

How the field will effect someone is anyone's guess. They may want to experience the field in the middle of the night when all the flood lights are on and again at dawn when there is a misty fog covering the field. Each time can be a special experience. And since there is no cost to anyone to enter the field or to enjoy the entertainment or speakers people can come one day or everyday. But we encourage everyone to take time to reach out to those to whom this field represents and just say "Thank you ". Let them know that their service does not go unnoticed.

This being the 10th anniversary of September 11th, we are planning, with the help of the Healing Field Foundation, to achieve national recognition. This will be the only field within a one hundred mile radius, covering portions of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. We are currently working to acquire a more well known entertainer for our event as well as some other special attractions to help bring in thousands of people from the 3 states as well as the news media . We would appreciate your support, whether it be a financial sponsorship or a sponsorship in kind. Even if you could help by making the Healing Field known to your employees, that they may volunteer in some way or sponsor a flag, we would be most grateful.

Through your sponsorship we are hoping to show our everyday heroes that we acknowledge the dangers they face at any given moment. And that we realize they do this unselfishly to provide us a safe community in which to raise our families.

With your help, this will truly be a field of

*Honor, Love, Respect and Remembrance!*



Thank you,

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