

## Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone Celebrates Grand Opening

New clinic in Clarksville provides high-quality, accessible, outpatient mental health care for military veterans and their families

Clarksville, Tenn., August 13, 2018 – Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sergeant Ryan Pitts and representatives from the Cohen Veterans Network and Centerstone today gathered in Clarksville, Tenn., to celebrate the grand opening of the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone, a new resource targeted to post-9/11 veterans and their loved ones, as well as families of active duty service members.

"Clarksville is home to one of the largest populations of retired military in the country," said Lisa Eggebeen, MSSW, LCSW, clinic director for the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone. "The need for mental health care services in this region and among this population is great, and this clinic will be an incredible resource for the community. We are pleased that we can provide timely and compassionate care that changes people's lives for the better."

The Cohen Clinic at Centerstone provides confidential, high-quality, mental health care and case management resources for veterans, regardless of discharge status or role, their families and families of active duty military, including spouse, partner, children, parents, siblings and caregivers, regardless of insurance or ability to pay. Clients are given an intake screening upon their first contact with the clinic and can expect their first appointment within seven days.

The clinic offers outpatient treatment for depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, adjustment and transition issues, anger, grief and loss, family and relationship issues and children's behavioral problems. It began accepting clients in April and has already served more than 150 service members and their families.

The Cohen Clinic at Centerstone is a partnership between Cohen Veterans Network, a not for profit philanthropic organization that serves veterans and their families through a nationwide system of mental health clinics, and Centerstone, a national leader in behavioral health care.

Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) was established in 2016 with a \$275 million commitment from philanthropist Steven A. Cohen. The organization works with selected provider partners, like Centerstone, to operate a growing networking of clinics for military veterans and their families nationwide.

"We are committed to filling gaps in care for military veterans and their families," said Dr. Anthony Hassan, CEO of Cohen Veterans Network. "Veterans have served our country, and it is our moral duty to provide timely, low cost mental health care services they need. We have the opportunity to support post-9/11 veterans on their next mission: happy and healthy lives."

The Cohen Clinic at Centerstone is the tenth CVN-funded clinic and the first in the state of Tennessee.

"We're honored Cohen Veterans Network selected Centerstone for this partnership," said Dr. Bob Vero, CEO of Centerstone. "Our organizations share a commitment to providing specialized care to veterans, service members and their loved ones. This clinic expands the ways Centerstone serves military families, and we look forward to working with the Cohen team to continue to explore how we can leverage our resources and expertise to reach more people in need."

Staff at the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone are trained in military competencies and are aware of the unique challenges veterans and their families face. There are currently four full-time therapists, and the clinic will add staff, as needed, to ensure that all clients are seen in a timely manner.

The newly built facility includes 10,000-square feet of office space, with private waiting areas and well-furnished clinic offices. There is also a family waiting area suitable for children of all ages and a community room where events and classes will be held in the future.

For more information, visit: <a href="https://centerstone.org/cohen">https://centerstone.org/cohen</a>.

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Centerstone is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to delivering care that changes people's lives. We are a nationally recognized leader, providing mental health and substance use treatment, related crisis care, education and support to people of all ages in communities in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Nationally, we offer specialized care for service members, veterans and their loved ones, and develop employee assistance programs for businesses of all sizes. Our research institute improves behavioral health care through research, evaluation and technology, and our foundation secures philanthropic resources to support our work. For more about Centerstone, please call (888) 291-4357 or visit centerstone.org.

## **About Cohen Veterans Network**

The Cohen Veterans Network is a 501(c)(3) national not for profit philanthropic organization for post-9/11 veterans and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, with a goal to build a network of outpatient mental health clinics for veterans and their families in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. Learn more about the Cohen Veterans Network.

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