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Belgard honors service members during National Military Appreciation Month with \$50,000 donation to the USO

Funds reinforce organization's dedication to supporting military personnel and their families

ATLANTA (June 6, 2016) – <u>Belgard®</u>, the leader in outdoor living essentials for the patio and beyond, has donated \$50,000 to the USO as part of its National Military Appreciation Month fundraising campaign. The donated funds will benefit the nonprofit organization's dedication to keeping America's military connected to family, home and country throughout their service.

"We would like to wholeheartedly thank our customers, partners, employees and supporters who have helped us meet our donation goal of \$50,000," said Erica Breazeale, senior consumer marketing manager for Belgard. "We cherish our partnership with the USO and find it imperative to continue to support active military and veterans who have given so much for our nation."

During the month of May, Belgard donated \$1 for every Idea Book order, social share, email share and social like with the ultimate goal of raising \$50,000. These funds raised by Belgard support USO programs that provide an array of services, from providing resume help for service members transitioning out of the military to providing dinner to local military families.

The Belgard and USO partnership launched in 2015 with the company's 'Welcome Home' initiative. Belgard donated \$100,000 and tapped into its network of talented contractors to renovate the outdoor living spaces of the USO center in Colorado Springs. The company is dedicated to supporting military personnel and their families due to the large number of active duty and veterans among the Belgard workforce.

For more information, visit www.belgard.com/uso.

About Belgard®

Belgard, part of Oldcastle® Architectural, offers a complete collection of paver and wall products for outdoor living spaces, walkways, driveways, parking areas and retaining walls. Available in a range of styles, premium Belgard products have been found in America's finest homes and award-winning commercial and retail properties since 1995. For more information or a complimentary Idea Book, visit <u>Belgard.com</u> or call 1-877-Belgard (235-4273). Find more inspiring outdoor space ideas at <u>Facebook.com/BelgardHardscapes</u>.

About the USO

The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. At hundreds of locations worldwide, we are united in our commitment to connect our service members and their families through countless acts of caring, comfort, and support. The USO is a private, non-profit organization, not a government agency. Our programs, services and entertainment tours are made possible by the American people, support of our corporate partners and the dedication of our volunteers and staff. In addition to individual donors and corporate sponsors, the USO is

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