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### **Skanska Opens Center for the Intrepid**

Opening ceremonies for the world-class Center for the Intrepid--National Armed Forces Physical Rehabilitation Center have taken place in San Antonio, Texas. This distinctive, four-story, 60,000-square-foot building and 10,000-square-foot natatorium built by Skanska is the most advanced rehabilitation center of its kind in the world. The Center was constructed to service veterans with extreme injuries who have been wounded in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Skanska is honored to have collaborated with the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, Fisher Foundation, and the SmithGroup architects to construct this unique medical facility for troops who have endured severe trauma while on duty," said Skanska Executive Vice President, Rod Cornell.

The Center, part of the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) was built entirely from donations by Americans who contributed to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes fund, and is dedicated to helping those with severe injuries to regain their ability to live and work productively. The Center includes clinical space, labs, a computer-assisted rehabilitation environment, gait lab, natatorium, athletic facilities, including a climbing wall and a prosthetic manufacturing facility. The construction of the project was completed in just 14-months.

"Providing healthcare solutions in the field of construction is one of Skanska's main areas of expertise and the team's vision was to create a healing atmosphere resembling a village community," said Dean Poillucci, Skanska Vice President of Operations. "The complexity and timeline of the project required the implementation of significant fast-track techniques as well the commitment and cooperation by the entire project team to complete this project within the prescribed timeline."

Of particular importance is the emphasis on spaces dedicated to physical therapy throughout the facility, including the two-story training and exercise room which features a cantilevered running track. There is also a Computer Assisted Rehabilitation ENvironment (CAREN) offered at the Center which simulates patients in a physical and virtual situation by using sensors on the body, high-speed infrared cameras and a moving platform that displays patients' reactions to various stimulations. This system encourages patients to relearn necessary skills.

The new facility features Fisher Houses, homes donated to the U.S. government as gifts, and managed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Described as “homes away from home,” Fisher Houses can temporarily accommodate up to 42 family members of patients who are at the Center.

Skanska USA Building is also responsible for renovations to numerous Hudson River Park Trust piers including one where the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum aircraft carrier permanently resides in New York City. The museum is currently undergoing renovations.

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