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## Two wounded soldiers, Warriors of Iraq, have been given a Christmas to remember

Wounded warriors, Bradley Chidester of Fountain Green, Utah and Joseph Perez from Logandale, Nevada, along with their families, have been chosen to partake in a weekend of holiday cheer in Park City, Utah, courtesy of a non-profit organization, Christmas Can Cure. The Park City community will give the two Iraq war veterans December 18-22 for a Christmas weekend vacation in hopes that the memories, meaning and possibilities of Christmas will be reenergized and renewed for these military families.

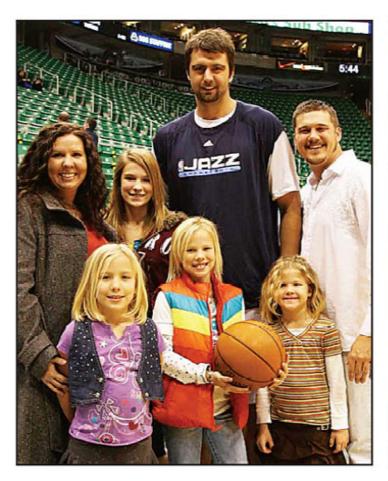
"We're very excited to have the Park City community on board as our second host town for many reasons. Not only is it one of the great ski towns, but it's also home to the National Ability Center (NAC), the world's premier rehabilitation and outreach facility for many men and woman living with disabilities," said Greg Lee. "The NAC is excited to provide special programming for the Warriors and we're really grateful for their partnership. Also, Resorts West will provide our warrior families with lodging and legendary service at its Silver Star property at Park City Mountain Resort."

Continued Lee, "We've also recruited the help of friend and New Englander, Chris Waddell, a former Middlebury College ski racer, to introduce the program to Park City where he now lives. Chris is a true inspiration. He's a five-time Paralympic gold medalist, and recently became the first Paraplegic to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro substantially unassisted."

The two families were able to participate in a flag raising ceremony on Saturday at the Old Miners Hospital and park, and then spent the afternoon playing sled hockey, tubing and skiing, to finally creating holiday greeting cards and making Christmas tree ornaments for the fami-

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Every military holiday, the Eureka has called attention to the WWP by giving away WWP merchandise to guests, and then selecting a Warrior from the Project's "Return to Work" training program to receive a resort vacation as a gift from the employees of the Eureka and its patrons.

Past Warrior recipients have gone to Hawaii, and still others have selected Las Vegas and Disney land vacations.

"As hoteliers, we serve our veterans by doing what we do best: giving them a relaxing vacation away from everyday challenges and the opportunity to unwind and re-energize with friends and loved ones.

Christmas Can Cure is an extension of this commitment – we hope it will become an annual effort in towns and communities across the nation." Additional information is available online at www.eurekamesquite.com.