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Rocky Top Therapy Center in Keller can now provide help to more veterans thanks to a grant from Texas Veteran's Commission Fund for Veteran's Assistance.

The \$289,622 award will be used for the Horses for Heroes, a program that serves veterans and their families through Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. Rocky Top started the program in 2008. Horses for Heroes treats adjustment issues and psychological injuries such as post-traumatic stress disorder and also provides equine therapy for physical injuries.

Pat Fleming, executive director for Rocky Top Therapy Center, said she is thrilled about the grant and what it will provide for the community. "The great thing about this is it gives us a better opportunity serve our military community," Fleming said. "With this grant we will be able to serve 400 more veterans over the coming year." Fleming said there is no charge for veterans to get help using the program. "Any one interested should contact us," she said. "We will set up an evaluation process and we can get them started immediately."

Rocky Top Therapy Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1990. The organization provides therapeutic riding, Hippotherapy and equine assisted psychotherapy and counseling services.

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