The Commons hosts Veteran's Day dinner for RTW Vet Center

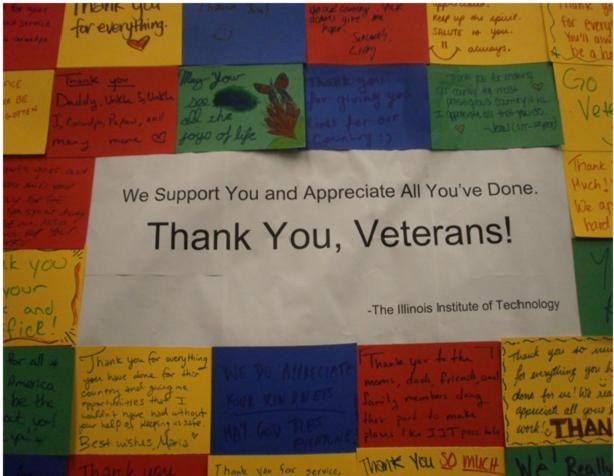
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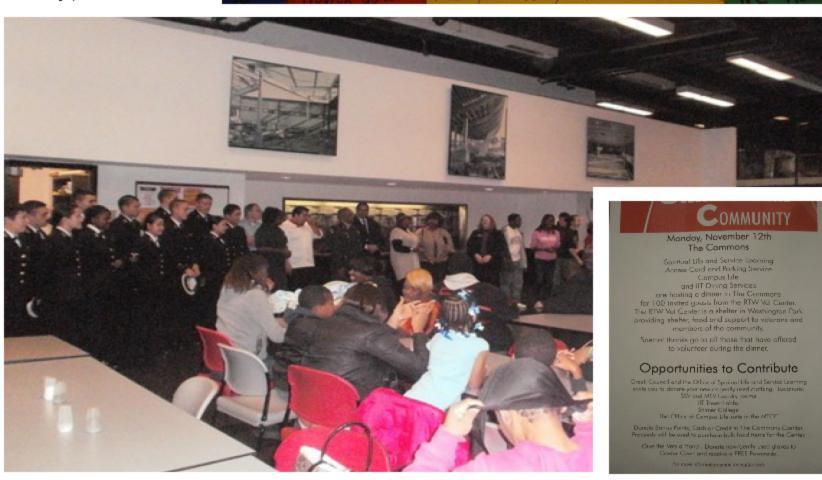
HT Dining Service, Spiritual Life and Service Learning, Access Card and Parking Service and Campus Life hosted a dinner in The Commons for over 200 invited guests from the RTW Vet Center on Monday, November 12th (Veteran's Day) from 7:30 - 8:30.

The Commons was a sight to behold as the guests, many of whom had never visited a sit-down restaurant before, thoroughly enjoyed the food and the hospitality provided by IIT. Volunteers from ROTC, IV, Greek Council and Vandercook College of Music, among others, played a huge role in spreading cheer and appreciation. The opportunity really made the volunteers reflect on what it means to give back to a community often overlooked but vital to our society as a whole.

The RTW Vet Center is located in the Washington Park neighborhood at 5536 S. King Drive in Chicago, the RTW Vet Center originally started as a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) in the community with a mission of locating and identifying veterans and their families. When they began to feed veterans they could not just let someone go hungry because he/she was not a veteran. Then the children started coming and the rest is history. As a Veteran Service Organization, they are also under the mandate to promote patriotism among the general public and our service to all people allows them to keep their commitment to this part of our mission.

The Center now provides shelter, clothing and free hot meals 7 days a week, 3 times a day for the homeless veterans and anyone in need. In 2011 the Center provided over 15,000 meals to those in need. As a community center, they provide jobs and job training for unemployed and underemployed individuals.





Knapp Entrepreneurship Center helps to establish connections

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Imagine seeing a problem in your dorm, on-campus, or somewhere in your everyday life and you get an idea. You might think to yourself, where would I even start? Or,

what if this idea doesn't even make sense?

This is a natural line of questioning to walk down but, while it is up to you to come up with the solutions to everyday problems, it is up to the KEC (Knapp Entrepreneurship Center at IIT') to help you make it a reality.

The KEC not only has a seasoned

entrepreneur at the helm in Nik Rokop, it also has connections to a wide range of entrepreneurs from all backgrounds and resources from plain old advice to funding to take your business to the next step.

Don't sit on your ideas, come to the KEC and figure out how to make them a reality. Learn more about the KEC@http://blogs. iit.edu/entrepreneurship/or by contacting Nik Rokop via email: nrokop@stvart.iit.edu or by visiting his office on the 13th floor of IIT Tower.