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## **Grand Opening of the L.E.A.R.N Foundation Inc.: Educational Resource Center for Local Veterans Through Veterans Upward Bound Program**

DALLAS, May 9, 2023 – On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the L.E.A.R.N. Foundation inc. celebrated the grand opening of their new location in downtown Dallas, Georgia with a ribbon cutting ceremony held in partnership with the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce. The L.E.A.R.N. Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization here to provide innovative and structured educational outreach programs and engaging activities to enhance individuals and families. In addition to their new location, two free educational programs were launched, Veterans Upward Bound or VUB. Sponsored by the United States Department of Education, the VUB Programs will allow qualified Veterans to



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have free access to educational resources to help them overcome barriers to achieve success. Dr. Dalton Lemelle Jr., CEO and 20-year enlisted retired Air Force Veteran stated, "We will provide our qualified veterans with over 200 years of educational experience which will allow them the opportunity to gain trust and obtain the academic success they truly deserve." The two VUB programs are a part of only three in the State of Georgia. To participate in VUB, qualified veterans must live in the following 7 counties: Bartow, Carroll, Douglas, Floyd, Haralson, Paulding and Polk Counties.

By partnering with the community, local agencies, and using additional collaborative methods like Leadership, Education, Accountability, Respect, and Nurture, the L.E.A.R.N. Foundation will provide free educational resources for individual needs, self-sufficiency, and lifelong learning. "This program is thoroughly needed and will be welcomed in our community" states Shelbia Bone, Membership Director of the Chamber of Commerce. Both VUB Programs are funded to serve a total of 250 Veterans through 2027. For more information about the Veterans Upward Bound Program go to [learnfoundationinc.org](http://learnfoundationinc.org) or contact us at 678-428-1076.

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