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From the Director:

As we complete our 4th year and enter into our 5th, it is a good time to reflect on 2013 and our focus in 2014 for the Institute. I am pleased to have outstanding colleagues and an Institute Advisory Board, comprised of military families, service members, and professionals, who help guide our mission and purpose. I also have to remind myself that we are really a very NEW Institute, in the grand scheme of things, and also have to be reminded to not attempt to do it ALL! (Often my goal! ©) But with great advisors and wonderful staff, it helps keep me balanced. I truly enjoy every day, which most days do not seem like doing "work" (occasionally it has its stressors but those are relatively infrequent, luckily!). Serving military families in the Flint Hills region has continued to be a primary focus of our work, with continuing partnerships with Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division and the Kansas National Guard, as well as other developing partnerships with academic programs, nonprofit programs, and others whose mission is similar and whose enthusiasm for the work with military personnel and their families is unending. It also is reinforced on an almost daily basis of the importance of our work and the continuing need for programs to assist our military and veteran service members and their families. Their mission continues, as does ours.

Thank you for your support of the Institute and we wish you a very blessed 2014...Lots more to come!

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