

## For Immediate Release

### *IWDC Breaks Through Twenty Five Twice and Sets All-time Record!*

Indianapolis, IN – September 6, 2018 – IWDC exceeds \$25 thousand charity goal and sets an all-time monthly record in August with \$25.2 million in Member’s spend.

“We have never broken through \$25 million and are excited to raise the bar again,” stated Frank Kasnick, President & CEO. “This is a testament to the strength and resilience of the independents in our welding & gas industry, and reflects the strong support from our Vendor partners.”

“We are thrilled to announce that our Member Owners and Vendor partners exceeded our \$25,000 goal by raising \$27,295 for **Workshops for Warriors** during our May 2018 Sales & Purchasing annual convention”, reported Keith Werkley, IWDC Director of Sales & Vendor Management. “We would like to thank our Members, Vendors and employees for their generous donations to this worthy cause.” commented Erica Jones, IWDC Director of Marketing. “We take great pride in our affiliation and look forward to supporting future campaigns.”

The IWDC is a cooperative, formed in 1994, which leverages the strengths of its independent welding distributor Members across North America. IWDC Member companies collectively represent over \$2.3B in sales, serving a wide range of industries. The common denominator is that these industries look to them for industrial, specialty, and medical gases as well as related equipment, welding hardgoods, and consumables. End-use customers served by IWDC Members benefit from having the unparalleled expertise of a local Member distributor who has access to national-scale purchasing and marketing programs. You can learn more about IWDC at [www.iwdc.coop](http://www.iwdc.coop).

Workshops for Warriors is a non-profit school founded in 2008 in San Diego, CA. It trains, certifies and helps place veterans, wounded warriors and transitioning service men and women into advanced manufacturing careers, including welding and fabrication. You can learn more about Workshops for Warriors at [www.wfw.org](http://www.wfw.org).



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