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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CENTRAL FLORIDA'S BBQ BLOWOUT WILL HONOR VETERANS THIS SATURDAY

Oviedo, FL (May 22, 2017)- The 5th Annual Central Florida's BBQ Blowout, presented by Sonny's BBQ and Oviedo Roofing, will be held on May 27 at Oviedo Mall. The BBQ Blowout is produced by the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce, Helpful Hands Inc. and the City of Oviedo.

In honor of Memorial Day weekend, this community event will begin with an opening ceremony honoring World War II veteran George Maier, of Oviedo, for his service to our country. George served in the U.S. Army during WWII in Germany, England, France and Belgium and was captured during Battle of the Bulge, later being rescued by the 101st Airborne Division. He has been honored with 7 medals for his service to our nation.

Other BBQ Blowout activities include the Kid-Que Cooking Competition, Purdue's People's Choice Award, live music, kids' area, local vendors and delicious BBQ. Admission is free with food and drinks available for purchase.

"Being a veteran myself, I believe in never forgetting those that lost their lives for our country." stated Bridget Lake, Senior Director of Sponsorships & Events. "This event gives us the opportunity to not only recognize Mr. Maier, but honor all veterans in our community.

For more information about Central Florida's BBQ Blowout please visit <http://bbqblowout.org/>

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The Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce is a private, not-for-profit business membership association. With corporate offices located at 376 N. Central Ave., near downtown Oviedo, the purpose of the chamber is to serve as an advocate for business and civic interests within our communities. For more information on the Chamber, please visit www.oviedowintersprings.org.

Helpful Hands, Inc. is a 100% volunteer run nonprofit charity. 96% of all fundraising and donations go to grant funding of Community Partners that strategically align with Helpful Hands, Inc. mission. With this support, Helpful Hands, Inc. funded \$78,000 in grants in 2016 and over \$84,000 in grants in 2017. All funded programs benefit more than 2,300 children and families in crisis. For more information on Helpful Hands, please visit www.helpfulhands.org.

