During 2014-15, the Writers Guild Initiative continued to develop innovative and responsive programs designed to share the tools of writing with underserved populations. Here are a few highlights of our work this year:

Writing Workshops for Wounded Veterans and Family Caregivers

WGI continued its multi-year commitment to working with wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and their family caregivers. We renewed our partnership with Wounded Warrior Project to offer six weekend-long writing workshops, led by accomplished writers. To reach veterans and caregivers throughout the nation, workshops took place in New York, Denver, and San Antonio.

The workshops provided a deep and intensive two-weekend experience to over 100 participants. One participant commented, “Little by little, I am able to write more about the pain.” Another wrote, “Finally someone cared about what the wives thought about their experiences with their husbands.”

Storytelling with The Moth

In May 2015, the Writers Guild Initiative and Wounded Warrior Project partnered with The Moth to offer a new storytelling workshop for veterans suffering from the physical and psychological impact of war. Eight veterans, all alumni of Writers Guild Initiative workshops, spent a weekend shaping memorable moments into six-minute stories to be told without notes. Instructors from The Moth worked with each storyteller to find, shape and present their story, and the weekend concluded with a live “storyslam.”