

support one another,” says Kathy Cox, a Walmart Giving senior manager who focuses on veterans’ issues.

Cox says that women veterans may face particular challenges, ranging from sexual harassment and even assault during their service to being single parents at home. “If they haven’t served in combat, they may not even see themselves as veterans,” she says. “Women veterans are also resilient, so they are hesitant to ask for assistance. If there is one piece of the puzzle that falls apart, they are quicker to fall into a crisis situation. They’re the last to ask for help.”

This summer, Galovski and Street are working with focus groups, preparing program materials, and training peer leaders for a pilot program that will begin in August in Pittsburgh, Pa., San Antonio, Tex., and Charlotte, N.C. After refining the plan based on the pilot group experience, they will expand to eight cities in early 2018, and ultimately to anywhere there’s a need.

The researchers will measure the effects of WoVeN sessions, with regular checks on the participants’ success. And they plan to include veterans who have been in civilian life for some time as well as those whose deployments ended recently. In the next phase of the project, the team will develop an interactive educational website designed for women veterans who cannot participate in WoVeN groups in person.

“This program, which is one of many operating through our school’s Center for Military and Post Deployment Health, will make a real difference for women readjusting to civilian life,” says Karen Antman, MED dean and provost of the Medical Campus. “We are grateful to the Walmart Foundation for helping us advance our work with veterans—work that has long been a priority at MED and across BU.” JB

## Last Call for BU Pub—for Now

The BU Pub is officially on sabbatical, and it is a hard-earned and well-deserved break.

On May 4, more than 300 students and alumni packed the basement space and its terrace to bid a temporary farewell. In 2018—as part of the transformation of the BU Castle into the Dahod Family Alumni Center—the Pub will reopen with a full kitchen, an expanded floor plan, and a four-season terrace.

A majority of the patrons at the night’s “last call” had made donations in support of the renovation. Many made their gifts through BU Crowdfunding, a platform launched in 2015 that has been used to fund more than a dozen student and faculty ventures, including the BU Dance Team’s trip to nationals, a 2016 EP for the Bostones, and a Sargent College professor’s creation of a novel videogame for use in speech therapy.

The Pub’s crowdfunding effort raised more than \$20,000 by the time it ended in May. Depending on the size of their gift, donors were rewarded with Pub memorabilia—such as pint glasses, coasters, and even chairs—as well as entry into drawings to have a beer flight or a sandwich named for them. Richard Rabbett, Goldman School of Dental Medicine director of faculty academic services and operations, claimed the top thank-

Set to reopen in 2018 following renovation



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“Throughout the evening,” Whatley said, “I watched as students, faculty, and alumni exchanged hilarious stories and sage advice at our beloved watering hole. I can’t wait to see what our efforts yield when the renovations are complete.”

“We were overwhelmed by the generosity and excitement of our students and alumni,” says Andrew Parlato (CAS’14, COM’14,17), BU’s assistant director of annual giving. “It was fabulous how our community rallied around a common cause and came out in droves to support the renewal of a fixture on campus—a place that has helped shape the BU experience for generations of students.” JULIA SERAZIO

you gift with a donation of \$5,000: a private party at the Pub when it reopens. The project prompted gifts from many first-time donors, including current students. Many took the chance to honor a friend, mentor, or classmate on the project’s online donor wall with their gift.

D. A. Whatley (Questrom’15), one of the project’s coleaders, gave a rousing toast at the event, celebrating that the initial fundraising goal of \$10,000 was passed—and exceeded—in less than a week.