



Bringing back dignity and honor to our Veterans who are homeless

Diakonos

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Building community is what makes things happen, whether it be on a small or a large scale. When people come together with a common goal, change comes about. An exciting partnership has developed that will bring our community together to address a very specific need that affects all of us.

Iredell-Statesville Community Enrichment Corporation (ISCEC) a local organization working alongside Statesville Housing Authority provides options for housing, focusing on those with low or limited income. Piedmont Veterans Assistance Council (PVAC) has been in existence approximately three years. In that time they have reached out to veterans needing assistance by providing meals, transportation, and have provided a supportive listening ear when needed. For over 26 years, Diakonos (Fifth Street Ministries) has provided shelter, food, clothing and many other ancillary services to those in need which has included veterans.

These three organizations are coming together to provide a transitional housing program for homeless veterans. ISCEC has graciously provided a fully remodeled house without charge, repairs and maintenance included, for at least five years. PVAC will provide assistance with fundraising for the operation of the program. They will also help provide transportation for our veterans to necessary appointments, as well as being a mentor, a friend, when the need arises. The Veteran's Housing Program will be a program of Diakonos, who will provide services specific to veterans in the house provided by ISCEC, housing 6-8 veterans at a time. With each of these three agencies bringing opportunities to the table, we believe an extremely effective program addressing the specific needs of veterans will be established.

- It is estimated that there are 25,000 veterans in Iredell County.
- It is estimated is that one in four homeless individuals are veterans.
- Last year at Fifth Street housed 661 individuals in its homeless shelters.

No veteran should ever be homeless. After giving so much of themselves for the safety and freedom of our country, we have a unique opportunity to give back the dignity and honor that is deserved.

The Transitional Veterans Program will provide an opportunity to address the issues that led to homelessness, with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Through a multi-faceted approach with community partners, a variety of services will be offered. After an initial vetting process that takes place by the potential resident going through the Fifth Street program, there will be an application process to become a part of the Veteran's Transitional Housing Program.

Once accepted into that program, the individual will develop a plan, a list of short-term, intermediate and long-term goals with the assistance of a case manager. Progress will be monitored weekly. A variety of issues will be addressed such as substance abuse, PTSD, as well as other mental health issues, educational opportunities, transportation, food and clothing, referrals, employment related issues, and faith connections. The participant will be able to utilize the program for up to two years, as long as adequate progress is being made towards meeting their goals. Getting back on their feet with a reliable income and affordable housing makes for a successful outcome.

We are so fortunate to have a long list of community partners to work with in providing services. Iredell County Veteran's Services, Goodwill, Career Connections, Operation: Good Jobs, Veteran's Administration, Mitchell Community College, Partners Behavioral Healthcare, United Way of Iredell County, Statesville Police Department, Statesville Family Medicine and Statesville Family

Dentistry. We anticipate this list growing over the coming months.

The old adage that "it takes a village" is certainly true in this case. We all have a wonderful opportunity to say "thank you" in a way that has long-lasting effects...an appreciation for something that goes relatively unnoticed.

Welcome to this very special village, walking with us in whatever way you can. Whether you can be our advocate in the community, help with hands-on services, or help financially, we need you!



Photo credit - Pam Navey



You have the unique opportunity to help a homeless veteran.

Every gift, no matter the amount, goes towards services where healing begins, and dignity and honor are given back to our homeless heroes. Attention is given to each individual and each success with the ultimate goal of permanent housing.

Below are several options for you to choose. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us - admin@fifthstreetministries.com; or call Patti or Michele at 704-872-4045.

Thank you in advance for being a part of this community that cares!

Platinum Over \$25,000

Gold \$10,000 - \$24,999

Silver \$1,000 - \$9,999

Bronze \$500 - \$999

Sponsor - \$100 - \$499

Friend - Under \$100

Donations of \$25,000 or more receive naming opportunities for one of the rooms in the house where services will be offered.

Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Sponsor level donations are recognized on the Wall of Honor in the house, indicating the level of giving with corresponding size brass plate.

Names of donors and levels will be published on the Statesville Free News website.

Your donation will go to support the Veteran's Transitional Housing Program, and assist in providing basic needs such as food and shelter. Also provided will be educational opportunities, case management, individual and group therapy, and a variety of other services necessary to improve the quality of life of the veterans who are a part of this program.

I would like to make a donation in support of the Veteran's Housing Program in the amount of

\$ _____

Contact information

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Make your gift in memory or in honor of someone who served in our Armed Forces.

Circle one In honor In memory

of _____

Branch of Armed Services (optional)

Send acknowledgement to (include full name and address)

Please mail your donation to

Diakonos

PO Box 5217

Statesville, North Carolina 28687

Please designate your gift "Veteran's Housing"

Or choose the online option and donate through the website.

Go to our website -

www.fifthstreetministries.com

Click on the yellow "Donate" button on the left of the page.

Enter the amount you wish to donate. Sign in with PayPal or click on "continue" on the bottom left of the page.

If you choose PayPal, under the "Purpose" line, click on "Add special message to the seller" and enter "Veteran's Housing" and any special instructions such as who the donation is in memory/honor of. Also enter a phone number where you can be reached if we have questions.

If you choose the credit card option, fill out your information and go to the next screen. Under the "Purpose" line, click on "Add special message to the seller" and enter "Veteran's Housing" and any special instructions such as who the donation is in memory/honor of. Also enter a phone number where you can be reached if we have questions.

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