



PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS CORP.



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Dear Supporter:

Did you know that one-third of the adult homeless population is veterans? Is this how we support the brave men and women who have served our country with honor and dedication? I believe this is a disgrace. We have an obligation to ensure they have the support necessary to live a productive life after their military service. About 1.5 million other veterans, meanwhile, are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing.

Why are veterans homeless? In addition to the factors influencing *all* homelessness – extreme shortage of affordable housing, livable income and access to health care – a large number of displaced and at-risk veterans live with lingering effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse, which are compounded by a lack of family and social support networks. A top priority for homeless veterans is secure, safe, clean housing that offers a supportive environment free of drugs and alcohol.

What seems to work best? The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans states that “The most effective programs for homeless and at-risk veterans are community-based, nonprofit, ‘veterans helping veterans’ groups. The programs that seem to work best feature: transitional housing with the camaraderie of living in structured, substance-free environments with fellow veterans who are succeeding at bettering themselves.” This is exactly what Housing for Homeless Veterans provides for the men and women who participate in our program.

What can I do? Support programs like **The Pennsylvania American Legion Housing for Homeless Veterans** program. We are a nonprofit ‘veterans helping veterans’ organization that partners with the VA’s program for homeless veterans. Our program is designed to enhance the quality of life for the veteran and their families by providing clean transitional housing; help them become productive taxpaying citizens again by securing a good, decent job. Our homes are located in Moon Township, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Ephrata, Pennsylvania. Our vision is to give homeless veterans a second chance at the American dream.

In order for The American Legion to finance this program, we are asking for your support. We will be sponsoring a dinner on January 14, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Pittsburgh Airport, Moon Township. There will be a cash bar beginning at 5:30 PM with dinner following at 7:00 PM. Dinner tickets are \$25.00 per person and include a program book. Ads can be placed in the program book at the following prices:

Full Page	\$70 (of which \$50 can be used for a tax write off)
½ Page	\$50 (of which \$30 can be used for a tax write off)
¼ Page	\$40 (of which \$21 can be used for a tax write off)

Please make checks for dinner tickets and ads payable to: PA American Legion Housing for Homeless. Mail to: Ron Conley, 709 Hope Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

The remodeling and upkeep of these homes is the responsibility of The American Legion Housing for Homeless Veterans, Inc. **We need your support!** Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Ronald F. Conley, President
PA American Legion Housing for Homeless Veterans, Inc.

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The official registration and financial information
Pennsylvania American Legion Housing for Homeless Veteran
May be obtained from the Pennsylvania Dept. of State by calling
Toll-free within Pennsylvania 1-800-732-0999.
Registration does not imply endorsement.