

BLAC PAC Announces Launch of 'Homes for Honor' Program to Combat Veteran Homelessness

Partnership aims to provide affordable housing and healthcare solutions to address critical needs faced by veterans in Tennessee.

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We're honored to partner with CVG and CMN on the Homes for Honor program, providing stable housing for veterans, empowering them to heal, thrive, and regain their independence"

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with Customized Veterans Group (CVG) and Customized Medical Needs, LLC (CMN), is proud to announce the launch of the "Homes for Honor" initiative, a comprehensive program designed to tackle veteran homelessness and housing insecurity in Tennessee, with a particular focus on Shelby and Tipton Counties. This initiative will provide affordable, high-quality housing for veterans and other essential service professionals like law enforcement officers, firefighters, and educators. The program also incorporates access to healthcare services and mental health support for veterans, reinforcing a holistic approach to veteran care.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Shelby County is home to over 56,000 veterans, making it one of the largest veteran populations in the state. Many of these veterans struggle with housing instability, underemployment, and undiagnosed mental health conditions. The Homes for Honor initiative aims to alleviate these struggles by offering stable, affordable housing, which has been proven to significantly improve mental health recovery and addiction treatment outcomes.

Addressing a National Crisis

Veteran homelessness remains a pressing issue in the United States, with veterans disproportionately affected by mental health challenges and substance abuse disorders. Studies show that approximately 37% of veterans returning from conflict suffer from PTSD or depression, and nearly 70% of homeless veterans struggle with mental health or addiction issues.

Stable housing is critical to breaking this cycle. Veterans who have secure, supportive living environments are 50% more likely to engage in mental health and recovery programs, according to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. Homes for Honor aims to create such environments by offering both temporary and long-term housing options, coupled with essential rehabilitative services provided by CMN.

A Collaborative Effort for Long-Term Impact

The Homes for Honor program is the result of a powerful consortium between BLAC PAC, CVG, and CMN—organizations dedicated to addressing the most pressing challenges faced by veterans and vulnerable communities. By combining their resources and expertise, the consortium is able to offer a comprehensive support system that integrates housing, healthcare, and career development.

BLAC PAC is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering leadership and community development across all racial and ethnic communities. By upholding the principles of Excellence, Integrity, and Discipline, BLAC PAC is committed to creating long-term solutions that uplift the most vulnerable in society.

CVG, a Tennessee-based nonprofit, focuses specifically on supporting veterans in Shelby and Tipton Counties. CVG's research highlights prolonged healthcare wait times, homelessness, and mental health issues as the key challenges facing veterans.

CMN provides rehabilitative therapies and mental health services to veterans, civilians, and individuals in underserved communities. CMN has expanded its services to address substance use disorders and mental health conditions, recognizing the critical need for integrated healthcare.

Together, these organizations are addressing the interconnected challenges of housing, healthcare, and employment for veterans. The Homes for Honor initiative is designed not just to provide shelter, but to foster independence, community integration, and long-term stability for veterans and other essential workers.



A Holistic Approach to Veteran Well-Being

Stable housing has a profound impact on all aspects of veterans' lives, from physical health to economic independence. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reports that veterans in supportive housing programs, such as HUD-VASH, are more likely to maintain long-term housing, with 84% of veterans in these programs remaining housed after one year. The Homes for Honor initiative builds on these successes by ensuring that veterans have access to affordable housing, mental health support, and rehabilitative services.

Key Benefits of the Homes for Honor Initiative

Improved Health Outcomes: Veterans in stable housing are more likely to participate in regular healthcare and mental health programs, resulting in better management of chronic conditions like PTSD and substance use disorders.

Career and Educational Growth: Housing stability allows veterans to focus on career advancement and educational opportunities, enhancing their reintegration into civilian life. Veterans in housing programs like HUD-VASH have a 20% higher likelihood of securing full-time employment.

Community and Support Networks: Affordable housing fosters a sense of belonging, reducing social isolation—a major factor in mental health issues like depression and addiction. Veterans in community-oriented housing report a 40% increase in life satisfaction.

Reduced Crime and Addiction Rates: Stable housing has been shown to reduce substance abuse and crime rates among veterans. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans reports that veterans in stable housing experience a 25% higher recovery rate from addiction.

The Role of Housing in Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Crime

Housing insecurity often leads to involvement with the criminal justice system for veterans. By providing affordable, supportive housing, Homes for Honor helps break this cycle. Research shows that veterans in stable housing are less likely to engage in criminal behavior and more likely to contribute positively to their communities, either through employment or leadership roles in community development.

A Vision for Nationwide Change

The Homes for Honor initiative is committed to eradicating veteran homelessness not just in Tennessee, but nationwide. The program's innovative approach—integrating housing, healthcare, and community support—serves as a model for addressing the needs of veterans and essential service professionals across the country.

Conclusion

The Homes for Honor initiative reflects the commitment of BLAC PAC, CVG, and CMN to provide meaningful, long-term solutions to the housing and healthcare challenges faced by veterans. Together, they are creating a future where every veteran has the opportunity to live with dignity, stability, and purpose.

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