SUCCESS COMES BY HELPING OTHERS SUCCEED.

DEBBIE CAMERON


10 years 2008-2018

MILWAUKEE HOMELESS VETERANS INITIATIVE
In 2017, our ninth year, Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI) had much to be proud of. We gained new leadership, transitioned the organization, and served more veterans than in prior years.

We were excited to welcome Debbie Buchanan as our new Executive Director. To the position, Debbie, a veteran herself, brings expertise in understanding veteran’s issues, experience in workforce development, and has many community connections that improves the services we provide. She and her MHVI team are committed to serving heroes. Debbie is committed to building on our successes and moving MHVI to new heights.

Another change in 2017 was our organization. Our services were once intertwined with VetsNet, and we shared space with them. This year, to better serve our heroes, our Boards collectively decided to split allowing each organization to focus on what they do best. As such, in early 2018 we changed locations, moving directly across the building from where we were once housed. If you have not yet visited us at 6300 W. National Avenue, we invite you to stop in.

Serving at-risk veterans is our core mission, and we are honored that veterans view us as a safe and trusted organization. The number of men and women who utilize our services continues to grow annually. This is especially true with our Women Veterans Initiative (WOVIN) program. As the only program of its kind in our community, WOVIN continued to flourish, serving 152 females in 2017. We expect this to grow as more female veterans learn about our services.

We thank you for helping make our mission, to help homeless and at-risk veterans reach and maintain their highest levels of independence possible. Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative remains a financially healthy and viable organization. That is due in great part to your continued support and generosity, which we greatly appreciate. We look forward to your continued partnership in years to come.

Sincerely,

The MHVI Board of Directors

Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are. ~ Harold Kushner
2017 SUCCESSES

OUTREACH
MHVI was built on finding those veterans who need our services most. In the early morning hours, we seek homeless veterans in hidden places…on the street, in homeless shelters, meal programs and other locations they may seek shelter. We provide food, toiletries, blankets and clothing. It is the first step toward building trust and getting them the help they need.

HOME SUPPORT
Finding safe stable housing helps veterans move one step closer to independence. We help move vets into their new living spaces and provide everything they need to set up a household – furniture, household goods, bedding, kitchenware and more. Nearly all items are donated and supplied at no charge to veterans and their families.

WOMEN VETERANS INITIATIVE PROGRAM (WOVIN)
WOVIN was designed to educate, advocate, and increase public awareness of the increasing number of at-risk, homeless and under-served women veterans and to help those women seeking information to help themselves and their families.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
Through donations, we help veterans overcome short-term food crises by providing several days’ worth of food. Food can be delivered or picked-up in our office.

BIKES FOR STRIPES
Lack of transportation is a barrier many veterans face. To assist with transportation needs, we provide donated bicycles, helmets and locks to veterans.

FINANCIALS

Operating Revenues
- Individuals $143,864
- Foundations $181,725
- Corporations $ 59,389
- Nonprofits $ 28,838
- Community Shares $ 22,195
- State of WI – Veterans Affairs $ 15,000
- Donated use of Facilities $ 60,000
- Donated Goods and Services $283,807
- Miscellaneous Revenues $ 2,977
Total $797,795

Operating Expenses
- Program Services $785,843
- Management and Support Services $154,541
- Fundraising Expense $ 17,585
Total $957,969

Net Assets end of 2016 $709,418
Net Assets end of 2017 $549,244

In 2017, 61 bikes were given to veterans.

A total of 442 food boxes were distributed in 2017.
We would like to thank the many individuals and businesses who support MHVI regularly through financial and in-kind donations. While too many to list, we appreciate each and every one of you. We exist because of you!

Foundations
Albert & Flora Ellinger Foundation
Apple Family Foundation
Brewers Community Foundation
Catholic Community Foundation
Clare M. Peters Charitable Trust
Coastal Community Foundation
Dan and Anna Robbins Fund
Electa Chapter
Emory T. Clark Family Charitable Foundation
Forest County Potawatomi Foundation
Francie L. Silverman Foundation
Fred and Jane Havens Family Foundation
Gannett Foundation
GE Foundation
Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Green Bay Packers Foundation
Helfaer Foundation
Herb Kohl Philanthropies
Jerome & Dorothy Holz Family Foundation
Jewish Community Foundation
Johansen Family Foundation
Krause Family Foundation
Marine Credit Union Foundation
Neis Family Trust
Park Bank Foundation
Patrick & Anna M. Cudahy Foundation
ROS Foundation
Roundy’s Foundation
Stella H Jones Foundation
Susan & Leander Jennings Foundation
The Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation
Wasiullah Family Foundation
WE Energies Foundation
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
Ziegler Family Foundation
Zonta Foundation

Businesses
All Night Productions
American Transmission Company
Bay Street Pub
Brew City Cigar Festival LLC

Corporate Sponsors
American Legion Auxiliary #449
American Legion Auxiliary #82
American Legion Auxiliary Post 375
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #27
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #387
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #416
American Legion Auxiliary Post 71
American Legion Land-Thiel Post #470
American Legion Post 440
American Legion Post 448
American Legion Post 71
AMVETS Louis Travis Post #14
Aurora Healthcare
Crossway Church
Cub Scout Pack NO 538
First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa
Greendale Community Church
Greenfield Ave Presbyterian Church
Guardian Credit Union
Holy Apostles Congregation
Howards Grove Middle School
Kenosha Public Museum
Knights of Columbus #1709
Ladies Auxiliary
Kobus Molenda Post 49
Lake Country Charity
Connection INC
London Moravian Church
Lutheran Chapel of the Cross
Queen of Peace Post 672,
Catholic War Veterans
Rib Lake United Methodist Church
Saint Mary Parish
St James Congregation
St. John Vianney Parish
St. Jude Congregation
St. Leonard Congregation
St. Mary’s Congregation
St. Marys Episcopal Church
St. Marys Episcopal Church
St. Paul’s United Church of Christ - Erin
St. Stephen Congregation
United Way
USO Attn: Elizabeth Hazlett
Veterans for Peace Sheboygan
Chap. 114
VFV Gross-Yaksh Post 6498
Vietnam Veterans Against the War
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chap 448
Von Maur
VVA Chapter 448
Wauwatosa Ave United Methodist Church
Whitnall Park Rotary Club
WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin MU Master Sorority
Wisconsin Veterans Network