

# VETERANS COMMUNITY PROJECT

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## LOCATIONS.

VCP Headquarters  
8900 Troost Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64131  
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Veterans Outreach Center  
8825 Troost Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64131  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm (Monday - Friday)

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## MISSION.

Veterans Community Project is dedicated to supporting every man and woman who took the oath for our country. We are determined to make a difference in the lives of homeless Veterans, a task accomplished by the community for the community.

## BACKGROUND.

Founded in 2015 by Combat Veterans, the Veterans Community Project (VCP), headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is dedicated to ending Veteran homelessness.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, "The most effective programs are community-based, nonprofit, 'veterans helping veterans' groups. 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."

VCP is a unique and inventive homeless housing program that was born out of a desire to remedy the revolving door of unstable housing and the frustrating maze that homeless Veterans walk through in order to get help. VCP was founded on four pillars of service: 1) End veteran homelessness, 2) Never say no to a Veteran, 3) Connect Veterans to the community, and 4) Connect the community to Veterans. These pillars guide VCP's unique strategy to impact and end Veteran homelessness through their programs including tiny home villages and community outreach centers.

## **FACTS - VETERANS SERVICES.**

- VCP defines a Veteran as anyone who took the oath to serve, regardless of military discharge status.
- Since 2018, VCP has provided walk-in services to approximately 4,000 Kansas City Veterans through the Veterans Outreach Center. Walk-in services include:
  - RideKC Veterans Pass (unlimited rides on KC metro area buses)
  - Food Pantry Boxes
  - Hygiene Kits
  - Snack Bags
  - Housing Referrals
  - Financial Counseling
  - Discharge Upgrades
  - Assistance with VA Benefits
  - Clothing Resources
  - Mental & Physical Health Referrals
  - Substance Use Referrals
  - Identification Services
  - Legal Assistance Referrals
  - Employment Supports

## **FACTS - TINY HOUSES.**

- VCP Village, located at 89th and Troost Avenue in Kansas City, MO, is an innovative transitional housing community consisting of 49 tiny houses. The homes range in size from 240 to 320 square feet, meet all local city code requirements, and connect to city utility services.
- VCP Village includes 4 family houses which can sleep up to 7.
- Approximately 70% of the construction is performed by community volunteers.
- Eligible Veterans must have a DD-214, experiencing a housing crisis, and currently live in the Kansas City metro area.
- The Veterans and VCP's case managers work to achieve incremental lasting results in the areas of health and wellness, education, employment, financial literacy, and the development of a personal support network.
- Veterans of VCP Village stay free of charge; all utilities and furnishings are also provided.
- Each Veterans stay in VCP Village depends on their progress towards meeting their benchmarks as they work towards permanent housing. The program is designed around each individual Veteran and based on their unique needs and strengths.

## **EXPANSION CITIES.**

- VCP is actively working with the City of Longmont, Colorado and local Longmont developers to create the first VCP Village outside of Kansas City. We are expected to break ground in Summer 2020 with 26 tiny houses and a community center.
- Plans are underway to serve Veterans in 8 communities by 2022.