# VETER NS COMMUNITY PROJECT

SIOUX FALLS



## **Our Oath**Serving Those Who Served Us

Veterans Community Project (VCP) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in Kansas City, Missouri by a group of combat Veterans frustrated by the rampant homelessness within the Veteran population.

Our solution to forever end Veteran homelessness is simple: provide Veterans a home with dignity and wrap-around support services that help them be successful members of the community again.

VCP serves any Veteran who took the oath to protect our country, regardless of discharge status or type of service. Believing the sacred rule of "leave no one behind" extends to the battlefields of civilian life, VCP harnesses the strength and support of a community, ensuring all Veterans have a clear path forward and hope for a better future.

40%

Homeless Veterans live in places not suitable for human habitation

**2X** 

Veterans are twice as likely to become chronically homelessness than other groups of people









Located in the heart of Sioux Falls, halfway between the VA and the Alliance, VCP Village is a specialized community of 25 tiny homes for Veterans experiencing homelessness.

The residents live free of charge while working closely with specially-trained case managers to resolve the issues that led to their homelessness.

The tiny homes are built on concrete foundations, connect to city utilities, and meet all code requirements for new construction. Each features a fully-functional kitchen, bathroom, and living space.

Every detail of the tiny home is designed with Veterans' needs in mind, including placement of doors and windows to increase a sense of security for those impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder.

Each home is fully furnished with new furniture, beds/bunk beds, kitchen appliances, and household goods, which become the personal property of each Veteran. When the Veteran transitions to their permanent home, they take the contents of the tiny house with them. ^

### Phase I Capital Campaign

MISSION COMPLETE
THANK YOU!

Thanks to Sioux Falls' generosity, the Phase I Capital Campaign secured \$1.9 million dollars, ensuring that all 25 tiny homes are fully sponsored.



Number of family homes that can sleep up to 6 people

**15** 

Number of single resident homes



320 sq ft



240 sq ft



The VCP Village Center is the hub for VCP's support services as well as a place for residents to connect with one another and build healthy relationships.

Much like a base camp, the primary function of the Village Center is mission support. For VCP, that mission is to equip Veterans with the tools needed to ensure a better future.  $\wedge$ 

### "The tiny houses provide shelter but the Village Center is where the real, lifechanging work happens."

Bryan Meyer, CEO and Co-Founder Veterans Community Project



The Village Center features private offices where Veterans work with highly-trained case managers to address barriers related to health, employment, or financial stability.



With a variety of flex spaces, a health and wellness suite, and Fellowship Hall for social events, the Village Center also promotes the physical and mental well-being of residents and enhances their sense of community.



# **Support Services**Revealing Strengths

VCP's case management model is built on the belief that Veterans experiencing homelessness can recover and reclaim their lives.

By focusing on their inherent strengths, VCP's "5 Supports" model encourages Veterans to discover new choices and create their own pathway to success.



Collaborating with trusted community partners, VCP ensures each Veteran has the resources they need to address the root causes of their homelessness, whatever they may be.

Once the Veteran is not only stable but thriving, VCP assists them in securing permanent housing and transitioning to their next chapter of life.

Village alumni are encouraged to stay connected through VCP's aftercare program. Maintaining this network of support gives alumni the confidence that VCP and their fellow Village battle buddies will always have their backs. •



108%
Increase in income for Veterans in VCP Village

10-14
Average number of months a
Veteran lives in VCP Village





1:8
Ratio of case managers to Village residents



85%
Success rate of permanent housing



"VCP gave me the opportunity to properly transition from the military to getting established in school, my health and a home. I really feel that you saved my life. I can't imagine where I'd be without that tiny house and the help I received."



**J.C.**, U.S. Army Veteran VCP Alumnus

### **VCP of Sioux Falls Building Community, Changing Lives**

On June 30, 2022, VCP broke ground on a 2-acre property located at 367 N Willow Avenue (57104).

After a year of infrastructure development and thousands of volunteer hours, the Sioux Falls community gathered on May 9, 2023 to tour the Village's first 5 tiny houses.

When complete, VCP Village will not only provide hope and life-changing services to countless Veterans experiencing homelessness, it will:

- Help increase property values of surrounding homes and businesses
- Provide ongoing opportunities for community volunteerism
- Strengthen the social services sector
- Become as a source of civic pride

#### Join the Mission

Community isn't just part of our name, it's part of our DNA. Veterans Community Project is funded by individuals, foundations, and corporations who want to do more than thank a Veteran for their service.

Over the next year, hundreds of community volunteers will help build VCP Village and hundreds more will help us serve Veterans for years to come.

VCP is Sioux Falls' community project.

Now is your opportunity to permanently leave your mark on this life-changing, community-changing mission.

"We need to continue to wrap our arms around VCP and the work they are doing in this community."

- Mayor Paul TenHaken



