

DVNF NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING THE HOMELESS TO HOUSING (H2H) PROGRAM

Dear Supporters,

We are excited to announce the launch of our new **Homeless to Housing (H2H)** Program, aimed at helping veterans transition from homelessness to permanent housing. This initiative provides financial assistance of up to \$2,000 to cover essential costs such as rent deposits or mortgage down payments. We collaborate with transitional houses, homeless shelters, and other non-profit organizations to ensure veterans have the support they need for a stable home.

Applications for the H2H Program will open on October 1st. We encourage veterans to apply early, as funds are limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For more details, visit our program page www.dvnf.org/homeless-to-housing/ to learn more.

GRANTS TO PROVIDE STABILITY (GPS) PROGRAM

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation's Grants to Provide Stability (GPS) Program is a lifeline for veterans experiencing temporary financial setbacks. This program offers up to \$1,000 in financial assistance to help veterans cover essential expenses such as rent, mortgage payments, and utility bills.

This fiscal year, the GPS program has served 245 veterans across the United States, providing nearly \$195,106 in assistance. The support has been crucial in preventing homelessness and ensuring that veterans can maintain stable living conditions during challenging times.

The program has reached veterans in a wide range of states, including:

- Florida: \$26,513 distributed
- Georgia: \$19,110 distributed
- Texas: \$17,327 distributed
- California: \$10,188 distributed
- Virginia: \$14,400 distributed

Veterans from various branches of service have benefited from this program, with the majority coming from the Army (134), followed by the Navy (46), Air Force (35), Marine Corps (29), and Coast Guard (1).

One veteran shared their experience: *"The GPS program has been an angel to me in my time of need. It made it possible for me to remain in my apartment, and I am truly thankful. I have been homeless before, and I don't ever want to be without a home again."*

This impactful program continues to offer essential support to veterans, helping them navigate through difficult financial periods and maintain stability in their lives.

To learn more please visit www.dvnf.org/gps/



PHILADELPHIA 2024 GRAB N' GO EVENT

We are proud to share the success of our recent Grab N' Go event in Philadelphia, where we provided essential supplies to over 320 disabled and at-risk veterans. In collaboration with the Veterans Affairs office, we distributed comfort kits containing hygiene products, food, clothing, grocery cards, and other necessities. Veterans also accessed healthcare information and support services. We're so grateful to be able to keep serving those who have served our nation!

For more information and photos, visit our Grab N' Go page:

www.dvnf.org/grabngo-2024-donation/ and learn more.



TEAM DVNF'S WILDERNESS 101 CHALLENGE



We are thrilled to highlight the efforts of Tony Di Leo, a dedicated rider for Team DVNF who took on the Wilderness 101 mountain bike race in the Bald Eagle and Rothrock State Forests of PA. Tony's 101-mile long ride helped raise an impressive \$5,579.00, which turned into \$11,158.00 with the help of a generous matched gift. The support of all our donors make a profound difference in the lives of the veterans we serve. We are deeply grateful for every donation, as they help us continue our vital work. Thank you everyone, and great job Tony!

DVNF HIGHLIGHTS NSCD: EMPOWERING VETERANS THROUGH ADAPTIVE SPORTS

We'd like to proudly shine a spotlight on the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD), a recent recipient of a \$20,000 grant given by DVNF through our Capacity Building Grant (CBG). NSCD's Military Appreciation Programs offer year-round adaptive sports activities like archery, paddling, and mountain biking. These programs are specially designed to empower veterans with disabilities, helping them uncover new strengths and possibilities.



"Our goal is to inspire veterans to rethink their abilities and embrace new challenges," says Julie Taulman, President & CEO of NSCD. These programs, provided at no cost to participants, play a crucial role in supporting veterans' mental and physical rehabilitation.

DVNF is committed to empowering veterans by supporting transformative programs like those offered by NSCD, ensuring veterans have the resources and experiences they need to thrive.

UPCOMING GRAB N' GO EVENT: GIVE VETERANS A SMILE AT SMILECON 2024

We're excited to announce our participation in the **Dental Convention "SmileCon 2024"** from October 17th to 19th! We'll be at the Social Impact Hub, where dental professionals will help complete 500 kits with essential dental items. With the help of American Dental Association Foundation (ADAF) volunteers, these kits will be delivered to the VA Hospital in New Orleans for veterans.

As part of the 'Give Veterans A Smile' program, this initiative promotes veterans' health and well-being. We're also grateful to the ADAF for their generous \$10,000 donation, which helped support more veterans through our Grab N Go event.



SURPRISING SUPPORT: DVNF AWARDS \$10,000 TO INSPIRING VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

On separate episodes of the Mission Possible podcast, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) surprised three remarkable organizations with \$10,000 awards each for their inspiring contributions to the veteran community.

Foxhole Veteran Charity Foundation

Foxhole Veteran Charity Foundation, led by Mr. Modesto De la O, received \$10,000 to enhance its therapeutic martial arts programs for veterans. This award will help acquire specialized equipment to support their innovative approach, which addresses both physical health and mental resilience among veterans struggling with PTSD and other transition-related challenges. Foxhole Veteran Charity Foundation's commitment to growth and recovery aligns perfectly with DVNF's mission.

Travis Manion Foundation

The Travis Manion Foundation, represented by Chief Operating Officer Joshua Jabin, was awarded \$10,000 to cover the tuition for a veteran participating in their Spartan Leadership Program. This program focuses on character-based education and leadership development, mirroring DVNF's dedication to empowering veterans through leadership and community engagement.

The Fire Watch

The Fire Watch was recognized for its outstanding efforts in preventing veteran suicides, receiving a \$10,000 award to expand their training programs. By creating a robust support network, The Fire Watch aims to make a significant impact on veteran mental health, aligning seamlessly with DVNF's mission to improve the lives of veterans.

Through these contributions, DVNF continues to support initiatives that make a real difference in our communities, ensuring that those who have served our country receive the recognition and support they deserve.

ANICIA'S JOURNEY: FROM INTERN TO ESSENTIAL TEAM MEMBER



In 2016, Anicia Charles joined the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) as an intern. With a passion for serving veterans, she quickly began to develop her skills in Administration, Human Resources, and Warehouse Management. Over the past eight years, Anicia has grown into an essential part of the DVNF team.

Her dedication is evident in her current role as Warehouse Manager, where she ensures every shipment of comfort kits, a key element of the Health and Comfort Program, is carefully prepared and delivered. Anicia's innovative ideas and positive approach help maintain smooth operations and a supportive work environment.

Anicia's journey with DVNF highlights her commitment to supporting veterans and contributing to the organization's mission.

JOIN THE MISSION

The DVNF continues to reach out to more veterans, first responders and family members, empowering them with tools for a healthier life. We invite you to join this vital mission—either by enrolling someone you know or supporting our efforts. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those who have served us.

Thank you for your loyal support. Stay tuned for more stories of compassion, dedication, and resilience in our upcoming DVNF Newsletter.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Joseph VanFonda (USMC SgtMaj Ret.)
CEO/ Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF)