



Annual Report

2023

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From our Board President

Dear Supporters,

As we bring the fiscal year 2023 to a close, I am pleased to reflect on the significant strides and accomplishments that we, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, have achieved in fulfilling our mission. Our unwavering commitment to improving the lives of military disabled and at-risk veterans has continued to drive our efforts throughout the year.



The challenges we faced in the past year were not insignificant. The ever-changing economic landscape brought both opportunities and obstacles, and the lingering effects of the global pandemic added layers of complexity to the issues our veterans confront daily. However, these challenges have only deepened our resolve to make a positive impact in their lives.

Our accomplishments have been made possible through the remarkable partnerships we have cultivated over time. These alliances extend to our devoted donors and fellow nonprofit organizations, whose support and collaboration have allowed us to expand the reach and effectiveness of our programs and services.

To each of our valued partners, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your steadfast dedication. On behalf of our esteemed board of directors, I wish to convey our profound appreciation to every member of the DVNF team for their unwavering commitment to serving our American heroes.

As we look toward the future, we recognize that the economic landscape will continue to evolve, presenting us with new challenges and opportunities. Our commitment to adapting and innovating remains steadfast to ensure that our veterans receive the essential support they need. Together, with your ongoing support and collaboration, we can embark on the path ahead with confidence, determination, and a shared commitment to bettering the lives of our veterans.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your integral role in the Disabled Veterans National Foundation's journey. The fiscal year 2023 has been a year of progress, resilience, and hope, and we eagerly anticipate the future, knowing that, together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have selflessly served our nation.

With warm regards,

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Scott Carson
Board President
Disabled Veterans National Foundation

From our CEO

Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we near the end of 2023, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF). Your steadfast commitment remains the bedrock of our mission to empower and uplift our nation's heroes.



In the past year, DVNF has expanded its programs to meet the diverse and evolving needs of veterans and their families. We are proud to highlight several initiatives:

Our "Mission Possible" program, an online self-care resource, now boasts a thriving community of over 1,500 registered users, including military veterans, first responders, and their beloved family members. This invaluable resource, supported by generous donors like you, focuses on mental health and overall well-being.

Considering the ongoing Middle East conflict and the continued buildup of our military presence, your support has never been more crucial. The situation in the Middle East carries the potential to affect our American service members and their loved ones. It underscores the importance of being prepared for their return, as this conflict could escalate into a larger war.

We are pleased to announce that the "Mission Possible" program will soon be available to our returning service members, providing them with vital resources and support during their reintegration into civilian life.

We are also excited to introduce the "Capacity Building Grants (GPS) Program." These grants provide support to our nation's veterans on their unique paths to recovery. Recognizing that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to overcoming the mental impacts of war, these grants are awarded to organizations across the country dedicated to addressing veterans' mental and physical recovery. DVNF holds two open grant sessions each year, allowing organizations to submit their applications.

DVNF remains steadfast in our commitment to bridging the gaps and providing essential resources to veterans who have dedicated themselves to serving our nation. Our "Grants to Provide Stability" (GPS) Program, Health & Comfort program, and National Job Board continue to serve as vital lifelines for veterans seeking assistance and support.

Your unwavering support remains indispensable as we navigate these challenging times. We are profoundly grateful for your commitment to our mission and the veterans we have the privilege to serve. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful and lasting difference in their lives.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Joseph VanFonda'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Joseph VanFonda
SgtMaj USMC (Ret)
DVNF/Chief Executive Officer



ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

OUR MISSION

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) provides critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our safety and our freedom

We achieve this mission by:



Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.



Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program and various empowerment resources.



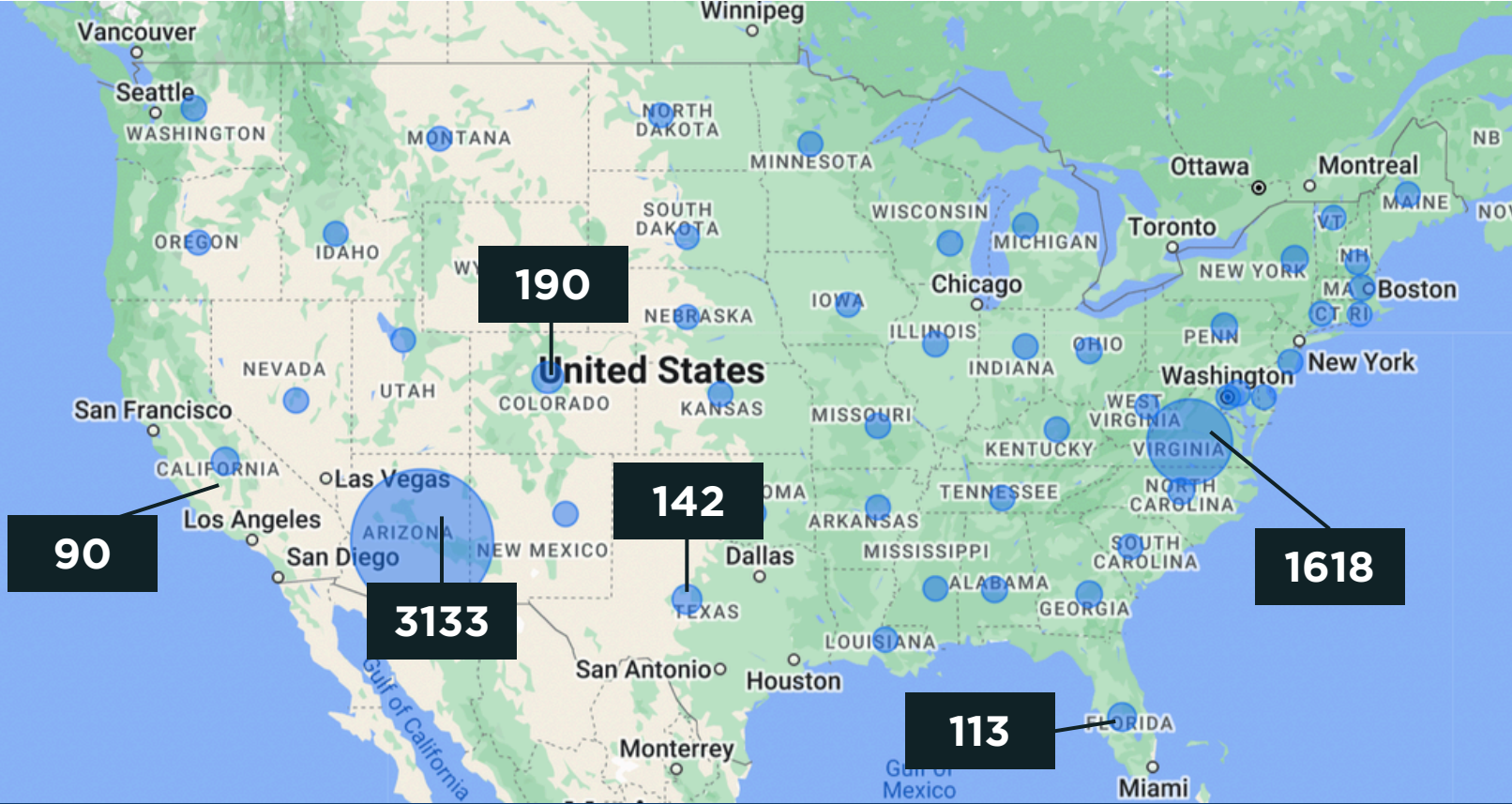
Providing an online resource database that allows veterans to navigate the complex process of seeking benefits that they are entitled to, as well as additional resources they need.



Providing a free national job board that connects the veteran community with leading employers. This free job board is dedicated to serving our veterans that kept America free

2023 A YEAR IN REVIEW

VETERANS SERVED PER STATE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2023

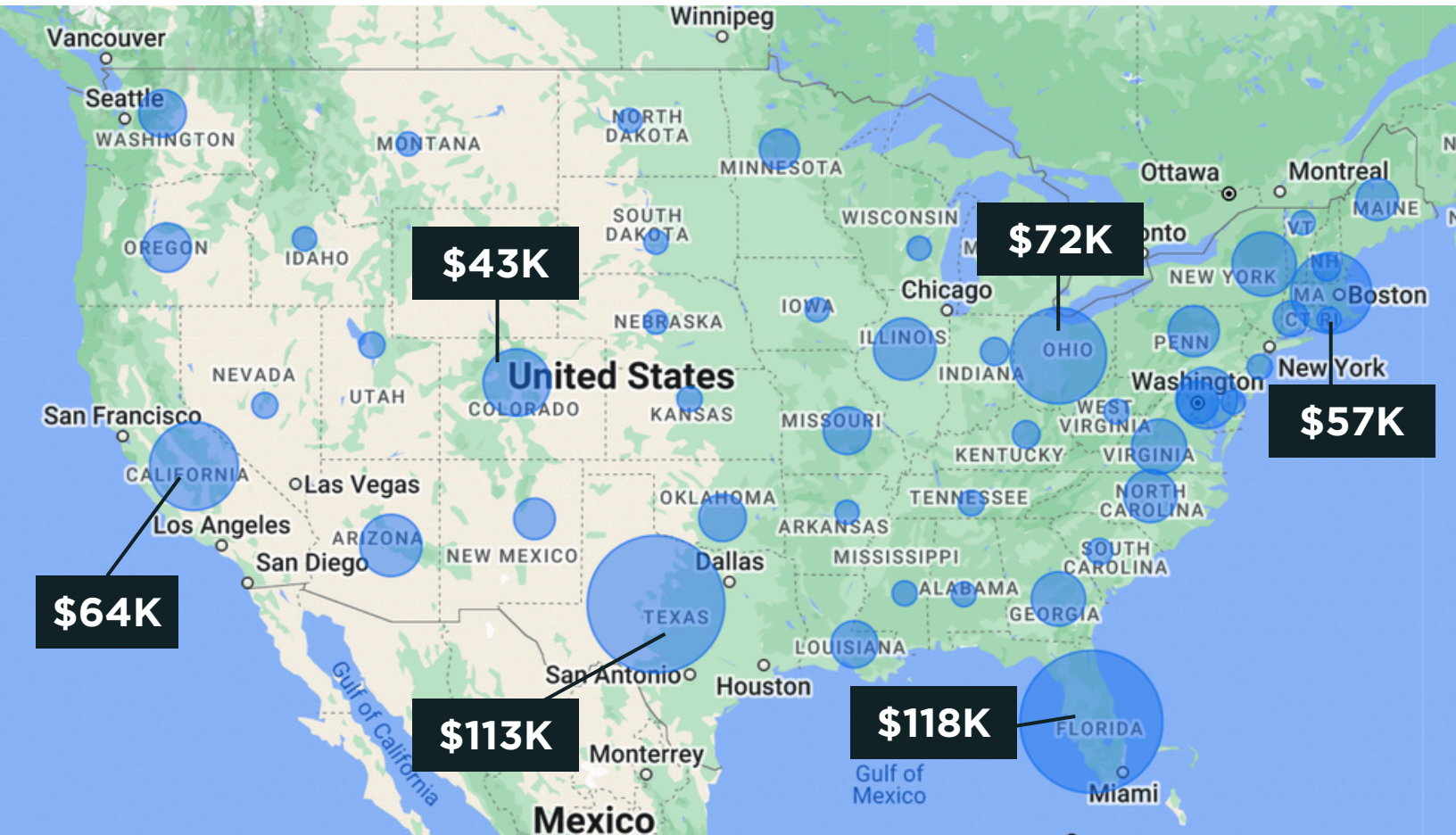


NATIONWIDE IMPACT



In 2023, DVNF's reach extended further than ever before, impacting thousands of veterans across the country. Our programs are designed to address the unique challenges faced by disabled veterans, providing them with the resources they need to rebuild their lives. From health and wellness initiatives to financial stability and job placement, DVNF is committed to being a force multiplier in the lives of those who have sacrificed so much.

2023 A YEAR IN REVIEW



State	Amount Donated \$
FL	118,378.11
TX	113,242.94
OH	72,000.00
CA	64,529.91
MA	57,000.00
CO	43,105.97
NY	40,172.51
AZ	38,000.00
IL	38,000.00
MD	37,434.55
VA	30,894.71
GA	30,134.81
NC	28,833.65
PA	26,900.00
OR	25,000.00
MO	23,409.11
WA	23,314.60
OK	23,277.72
LA	23,000.00

State	Amount Donated \$
ME	18,000.00
DC	18,000.00
NM	17,328.65
MN	16,000.00
CT	11,419.75
IN	4,000.00
KY	3,504.80
NH	2,990.86
SC	2,000.00
UT	2,000.00
NV	1,741.48
TN	1,650.00
MI	1,000.00
MS	1,000.00
KS	1,000.00
AK	1,000.00
WV	1,000.00
NJ	995.68
AL	650.77

AMOUNT DONATED TO VETERANS PER STATE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2023

OUR IMPACT IN 2023

HEALTH AND COMFORT PROGRAM



\$3,900,000 +

Total value of goods sent to veterans.



35

Program partners across the nation



14,800 +

Estimated number of Veterans served through our Health and Comfort Program



18,293

Comfort kits were provided to low income and homeless veterans



Health and Comfort Program served veterans across

30 STATES

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM



\$860,000 +

In grants awarded to aid disabled veterans



47

Program partners were awarded grants across the nation



27,900 +

Estimated number of Veterans impacted by our Capacity Building Grants Program



Capacity Building Program served veterans across

25 STATES

GRANTS TO PROVIDE STABILITY PROGRAM



\$140,000 +

In grants to provide housing stability for disabled veterans



159

Veterans impacted by our Grants To Provide Stability Program



Grants To Provide Stability Program served veterans across

34 STATES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: TRANSFORMING LIVES

Health & Comfort Program

DVNF's Health & Comfort Kits have been a lifeline for veterans struggling to meet their basic needs. In 2023, we distributed 18,000 Health & Comfort Kits to veterans across the country. Each kit includes essential items such as hygiene products, clothing, and blankets. These kits ensure that veterans have the necessities to maintain their health and dignity. For many, these kits have been the first step toward reclaiming their lives.

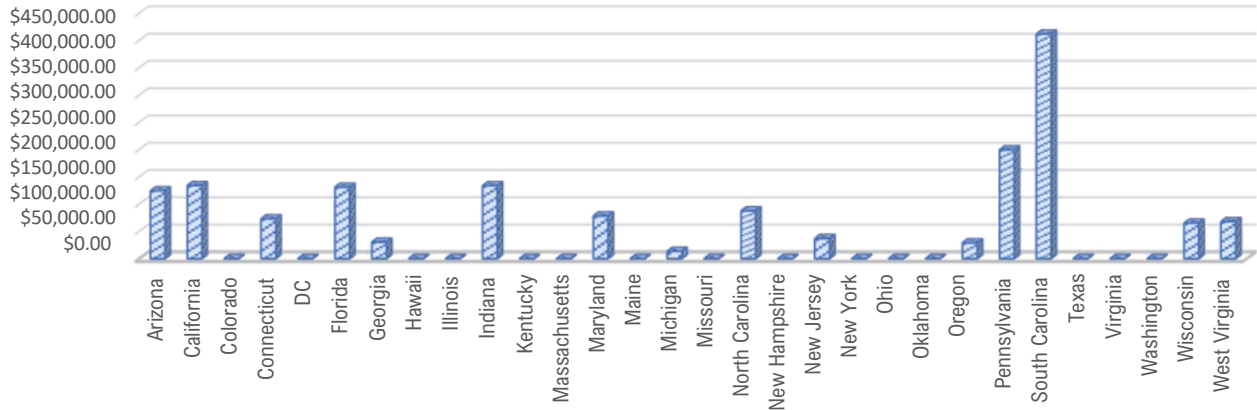


HEALTH AND COMFORT

Through our Health and Comfort program DVNF distributes our signature Comfort Kits to struggling veterans throughout the country. The contents of our Comfort Kits vary based on our inventory; however, we always strive to include quality and full-sized items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and other hygiene items. DVNF has also recently created our own signature Women’s Kits. These kits were created to supplement our Comfort Kits and make sure our too often overlooked female veterans have the personal care items they truly need.

In 2023, the Foundation served approximately 14,800 Veterans and their families through 35 organizations across the nation. This resulted in an investment of \$3,900,000+ to aid our nation’s struggling veterans.

HEALTH AND COMFORT INVESTMENT BY STATE



Organization	Organization
Aspire Indiana	Helping Hands and Caring Hearts (warm)
BootPrint Inc	Inspire Real Change
Business Volunteers Unlimited	Lance Davison Memorial Stand Down
Charlotte County Homeless Coalition	MD Department of Veterans Affairs
Clear Path for Veterans New England	Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
Community Shelter Services	Muscogee (Creek) Nation VASO Stand Down
County of Los Angeles Dept of MVA	Navigating Solutions
Daystar Life Center	Operation Compassion of Mercer County
Dog Tags and Go Bags	PGCC Women Vets Day Recognition & Resource Fair
DVNF CT Grab n' Go	Real Way Foundation, Inc
DVNF Resource Fair	Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down
Foothills Veterans Helping Veterans	StrykeTeam 4 Veterans Inc.
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	The Potter's House Ministries
Goodwill of Central Illinois	Verde Valley Stand Down
Grant County Indiana Stand Down	Washington County Veteran Stand Down 2022
Helping Hands and Caring Hearts	Wheelchair Games
Hope Southern Indiana	YAIPak Outreach
Indiana Dream Center	Yuba-Sutter Veterans Stand Down

Capacity Building Grants Program

To help Veterans across the nation dealing with wounds sustained during their service, the Foundation provides services to organizations helping these veterans with Mental and Physical wellness, Housing and Homelessness and Employment.

The Foundation's programs served 47 organizations in 25 states. An investment of \$860,000 serving more than 27,900 veterans and their families.

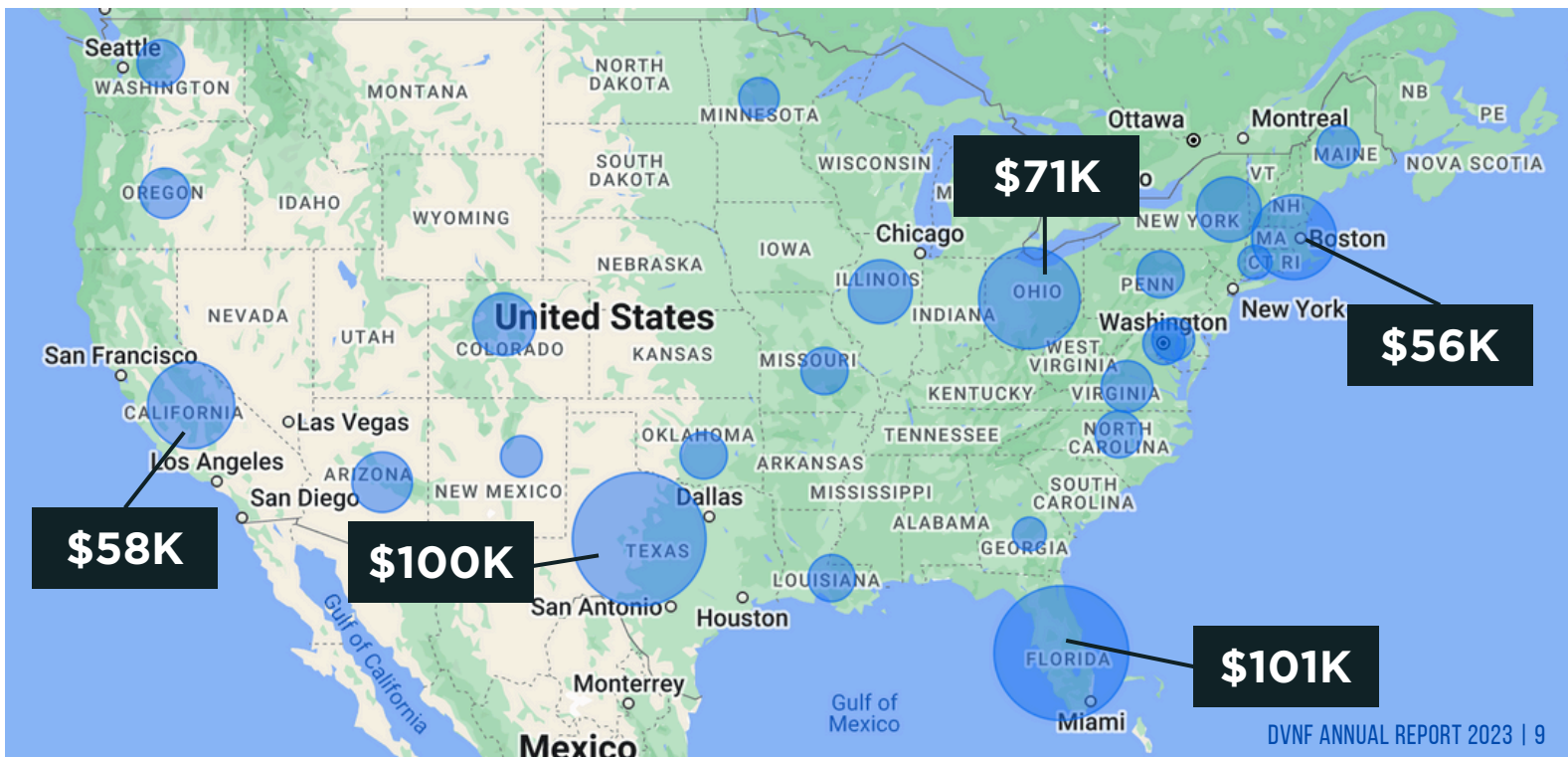
Of these organizations, 9 provided Housing and Homelessness services and 38 provided mental and physical wellness services.

Service Category	Count
Adaptive Sports	1
Dental Health	4
Equine Therapy	4
Financial Stability	10
General Health	1
Home Repair	1
Housing Stability	6
Military Sexual Trauma	1
PTSD Program	6
Recreational Activity	6
Service Dogs	7
Grand Total	47

2023 CBG PROGRAM INVESTMENT

FOCUS AREAS	PARTICIPANTS SERVED	DVNF INVESTMENT	NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS SERVED
Housing and Homelessness	14,370	\$174,000	9
Mental and Physical Wellness	13,534	\$686,000	38
GRAND TOTAL	27,904	\$860,000	47

STATES SERVED BY DVNF CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM



2023 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM PARTNERS

Organization Name
Acadiana Veteran Alliance
Adaptive Sports Program Of Ohio
Assistance Dogs of the West
Big Dog Ranch Rescue
Brighter Way Institute
Broward Housing Solutions
Camillus House, Inc.
Catholic Charites Of Kansas City St Joseph Inc
Central Oregon Veterans Ranch
Central Union Mission
Clear Path For Veterans Inc
Community Rowing, Inc.
Continue Mission
Dreams On Horseback
Fathers and Mothers who Care
Funds For Veterans
Got Your Six Support Dogs
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati
Henry's Home Horse and Human Sanctuary
K9s For Warriors Inc
Leg Up Farm
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc.
Marine Corps League - Unicoi Detachment 783
Mercy Housing Lakefront
Mercy Medical Angels
National Association on Mental Illness Maryland
New England Paralyzed Veterans of America
Oklahoma Dental Foundation For Research And Education
Operation Military Family
Project Sanctuary
Soldiers' Angels
StableStrides
That Can Be Me Inc
The Project Zero Alliance
The Servant Center
The Veteran's K-9 Corps (America's Vet Dogs)
Trustees Of Tufts College
Veteran Resilience Project Inc.
Veterans Alternative, Inc., DBA Warrior Wellness Program
Veterans Strong Community Center
Victory Service Dogs
VIP NeuroRehabilitation Center
Veterans Medical Leadership Council Charities
Volunteers of America Northern New England
Warrior Expeditions
Warrior Foundation Freedom Station
Warriors on the Way

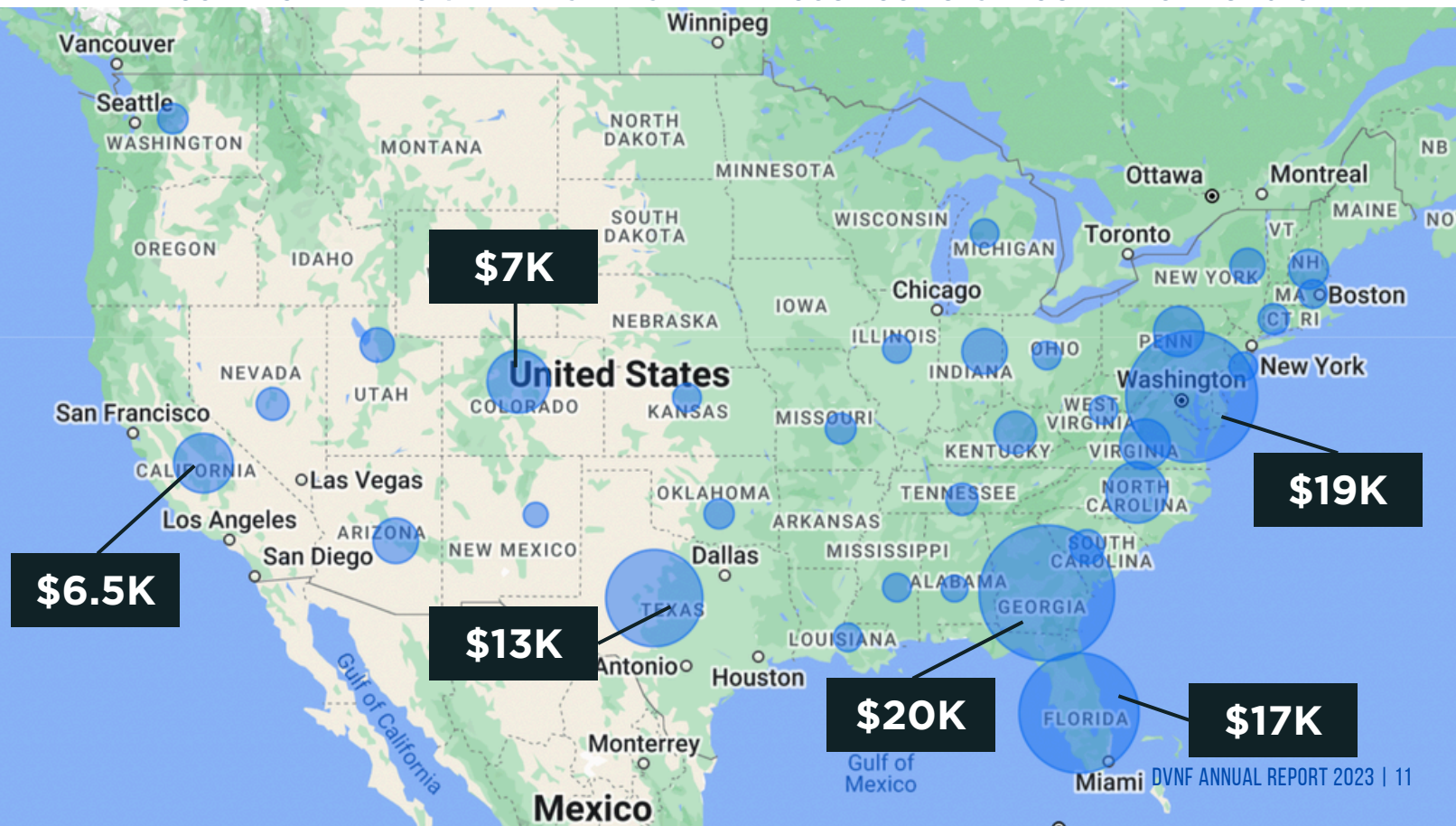
GRANTS TO PROVIDE STABILITY (GPS) PROGRAM

Financial stability is critical for veterans transitioning back into civilian life. The GPS Program provided over \$140,000 in grants to 159 veterans in 2023, helping them avoid crises such as eviction, utility shutoffs, and other financial hardships. These grants have been a crucial safety net, allowing veterans to focus on rebuilding their lives without the constant fear of financial collapse.

AMOUNT DONATED AND VETERANS SERVED PER BRANCH OF SERVICE THROUGH OUR GPS PROGRAM IN 2023

Branch of Service	Amount Awarded	Veterans served
Air Force	\$31,646	34
Army	\$65,707	77
Coast Guard	\$1,000	1
Marine Corps	\$18,816	21
Navy	\$23,742	26
Grand Total	\$140,911	159

AMOUNT DONATED TO VETERANS PER STATE THROUGH OUR GPS PROGRAM DURING 2023





GPS PROGRAM

TESTIMONIALS

Real Stories of Transformation

“The GPS program gave me the support I needed when I fell behind on my mortgage. I didn’t know how I was going to make the payment and still support my family. I was worried that the home I worked so hard to get would be taken from me, or that my credit, which took years to build, would suffer another serious hit. The biggest impact was the relief I felt, knowing that someone had my back and the weight was lifted off my shoulders.”



Gypsy S.

“I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your hard work, support, and kindness. I have no family and very few friends, and when things got bad, I felt completely alone.

Before you helped me, I was contemplating suicide, feeling like I couldn’t take much more. Without a car, I was overwhelmed by the challenge of finding rides to work, treatment, VA appointments, and court. I honestly don’t think I would have had the strength to keep going. You truly saved my life. Knowing that people care made a huge difference. I will never forget what you did for me.

Now, I won’t lose my car, which is my lifeline. I’m starting school to earn my Bachelor’s in Animal-Assisted Therapy and plan to continue on to get my Master’s in Social Work. My goal is to help other veterans by creating and administering Equine Therapy programs.”



Susanne N.

ADDRESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: A CALL TO ACTION

The United States faces a silent crisis—a profound mental health challenge that affects countless lives. Among those most affected are our veterans, first responders, and their families, who bear the invisible scars of service and often struggle with mental health issues. In response to this national crisis, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) has stepped forward to provide vital assistance.

THE **MISSION POSSIBLE** PROGRAM

Total Participants: 2,883 veterans, first responders, and family members have registered for the program.

Active Engagement: Currently, 1,250 participants are actively enhancing their mental health.

Branch Breakdown:

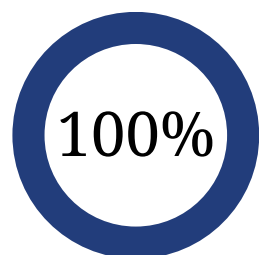
1. United States Army	1,367
2. United States Navy	580
3. United States Air Force	466
4. United States Marine Corps	220
5. Veterans' Family Member	190
6. United States Coast Guard	39
7. First Responders	28
Grand total	2,883



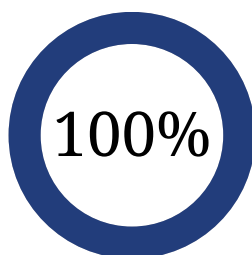
REAL STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION:

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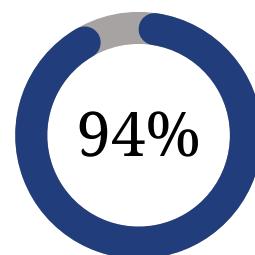
DATA POINTS FROM PARTICIPANTS



Participants have reported increased relaxation and mindfulness through the Mission Possible program



Participants report that use of the Mission Possible techniques help reduce worry, stress and anxiety.



Participants believe these exercises help gain increased understanding of their body's needs.

MISSION POSSIBLE

TESTIMONIALS

Real Stories of Transformation

I think this was a wonderful experience/exercise. It was very straightforward and passed along, helpful information. I would suggest it. Especially for those that may need assistance in self control of emotional response & self happiness.



Edward S.

"I am more relaxed now that I have these tools to utilize that I learned from this course. I will tell my fellow veterans that this course has helped me and that they need to take it to learn how to deal with their stress and anxiety in a healthy way."



Brian F.

"The program influenced my mindset and life by allowing me time to refocus on my goals and stress. I am more relaxed from only a few sessions, and it helped me create a different plan for my future success journey."



Pierre E.

DVNF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Post-COVID-19 many people were in need of additional assistance. To respond to this need, the Foundation began hosting an annual Grab-N-Go to help local veterans. The Foundation staff provided comfort kits, gift cards, and groceries to each participant. In 2023, The Grab-N-Go was sponsored by The Padre Pio Foundation and was held in Newington, Connecticut at the Newington VA. DVNF served 450 Veterans and their families on May 24, 2023.

2023 RESOURCE FAIR

229 Veterans and Their Families Were Provided

- Comfort Kits
- Bags of Groceries
- Lunch and Snacks
- A New Suit
- A \$25 Gift Card

2023 GRAB-N-GO

450 Veterans and Their Families Were Provided

- Comfort Kits
- Bags of Groceries
- Lunch and Snacks

\$11,250 Distributed to Participants in Gift Cards



GRAB N' GO EVENT

DVNF's Grab N' Go events have become a critical resource for veterans in need of immediate support. In 2023, we hosted one such event in collaboration with The Padre Pio Foundation of America at the Newington VA Medical Center. This event reached 450 homeless and low-income veterans in the Newington/Hartford, Connecticut area, providing them with a complimentary meal, health and comfort kits, resource binders, and grocery store gift cards. These efforts ensured that veterans had access to basic necessities without delay.



VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

The DVNF's Resource Fair served approximately 229 veterans, exceeding the previous year's count of 200. The fair provided:



DVNF Health & Comfort Kits:
Full-sized health and hygiene items, clothing, and more were distributed to each veteran.

Financial Assistance:
Veterans received a \$50 Visa gift card for food, and an additional \$50 Visa gift card from DVNF's CEO, Joseph VanFonda.

Nutritional Provisions:
Free breakfast and lunch ensured attendees were well-nourished throughout the event.

Professional Attire:
Collaboration with Tailored Brands provided new professional attire for both men and women, enhancing their confidence.

Resource Guidance:
A comprehensive book of community resources and access to over 47 organizations offered extended support.



HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our work would not be possible without the generous contributions of our supporters. In 2023, DVNF was able to expand our reach and impact more veterans than ever before. Every donation, large or small, has played a crucial role in transforming lives.

LOOKING AHEAD: OUR COMMITMENT TO VETERANS



DVNF remains committed to expanding our programs and reaching even more veterans in need. We are excited to introduce new initiatives aimed at improving veteran employment opportunities, enhancing mental health services, and expanding our efforts to ensure that all veterans receive the support they deserve.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every donor, volunteer, and partner who has supported DVNF this year. Your generosity and commitment have made a real difference in the lives of veterans who have given so much for our country. Together, we provide the support and care they need to lead fulfilling lives.



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