

t Veterans Support Foundation, we believe that anyone who has served his or her country in uniform is entitled to a second chance at a safe, healthy and productive life.

That's why Veterans Support Foundation (VSF) provides homeless veterans with a place to live and a support system for rebuilding their lives.

VETERANS SUPPORT FOUNDATION

Veterans Support Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization founded by and for veterans. VSF is incorporated in Delaware and has its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. Since 1992, our Supportive Housing Program has provided countless homeless veterans with a safe place to live and moral support in overcoming homelessness. Our housing program operates exclusively in Connecticut, serves Connecticut veterans and is run by a Connecticut-based staff. VSF works closely with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Centers in West Haven and Newington, Connecticut.

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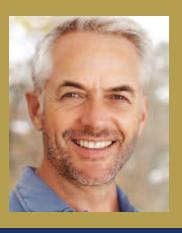
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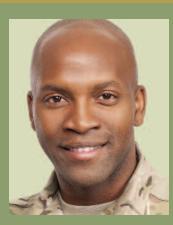


Homeless Veteran? Veterans Support Foundation Is Here to Help











Housing and Support Services for Veterans

If you qualify for VSF's housing program, you will receive:

- A private room and shared bathroom, kitchen, dining and laundry facilities
- Help setting goals for living, working and health and support in meeting those goals
- Employment assistance
- Transportation to medical and other important appointments.

Once you have completed our program and are ready to move on, we can also help you find an affordable home of your own.

Our Houses

For homeless veterans who are serious about recovery, Veterans Support Foundation offers three houses:

- Michael J. Dinda House A nine-bedroom home in Manchester, CT
- Union Avenue
 A six-bedroom home in West Haven, CT
- Bassett Court
 A nine-bedroom home in West Haven, CT
 Our houses are conveniently located near
 regional VA centers.

A bedroom at Bassett Court





The front porch at Union Avenue

How Does the **Program Work?**

Once you are accepted into the VSF program, we provide you with a private room in one of our residences. You will share a kitchen, bath and laundry facilities with two other veterans. We ask that you provide your own food and personal items. If you cannot afford them, VSF can help you apply for Food Stamps or other assistance.

While you reside with us, VSF case workers will offer support in overcoming the issues that may have caused your homelessness. We work closely with veterans facing financial problems, unemployment, service-related injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse and lack of a family or community support system. VSF can help you apply for health and financial compensation you may have earned as a result of your service. And when you are ready to live independently, we can help you find a job and your own home or apartment.

"I HOPE ONE DAY TO HELP VETERANS JUST AS THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME."

— James, a former resident of Dinda House

"IF YOU COME HERE AND DO WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, YOU WILL SUCCEED IN YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS."

- Willie, a resident of Bassett Court

Who Qualifies?

VSF's Supportive Housing Program serves veterans of all branches and eras of service, regardless of income or background. However, to be accepted into our program, you must:

- Be alcohol- and drug-free
- Be able to cook, do your own laundry, help keep the household clean and maintain good personal hygiene
- Attend weekly house meetings with VSF staff and other residents
- If you are engaged in a treatment program, you must attend all medical appointments and take all prescribed medications.

To learn more, or to apply to VSF's Housing Program for Homeless Veterans, please contact:

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VSF residents enjoy a cookout.

