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MAPLE COURT VETERANS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Housing & Care for Our Nation's Heroes

HOMELESS VETERANS IN NC NEED YOUR HELP

Did you know that nearly 800 veterans are without a place to call home on any given night of the year in North Carolina?¹ There are a number of reasons for why veteran homelessness is common.

1. Physical Injuries

When service members return home injured, it is often their families who care for them. But if you're a veteran without a family to return to and are sent away from a hospital following treatment, finding housing and work on your own can feel impossible.

2. Mental Illness

Life-threatening and traumatizing experiences are the norm of combat and war. When returning home, those experiences have a massive impact on a veteran's mental health and emotional well-being. This can make it harder for them to keep a job, maintain relationships, and simply trust themselves.

3. Lack of Affordable Housing

It is not uncommon for veterans who returned home to find job opportunities that pay much less than they earned during service. Physical injuries and mental illness that limit their ability to find and keep jobs that pay well adds to this challenge.

But there is hope.

Since 2009, supporters like you have provided hope to nearly 600 of our nation's heroes through the **Maple Court Transitional Housing Program**, a 24-apartment veteran support program in Durham, NC. Injured and low-income veterans like Dale Ogborn would have been without a roof over their head and the care they needed to avoid homelessness.

“Maple Court means that I have a safe place to live instead of being on the streets. They provided me with ability to move on and move forward.”

– Dale



To read Dale's story, scan the QR code or visit voachesapeake.org/dale-ogborn.

Without you, this program can't continue to serve our veterans.

We are in need of \$100,000 so that Maple Court can continue to be a safe haven for our veterans. Only you can ensure that 45 men and women each year who put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms can live with the comfort and support they deserve.

¹ United States Interagency Council on Homelessness: 2020 Homelessness Statistics

MAPLE COURT – HOW & WHY IT WORKS

A partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs, the Maple Court Veterans Transitional Housing Program is a 24-apartment support program designed to help end veteran homelessness. As an affordable housing developer and health and human services provider, Volunteers of America understands that housing instability is the most important barrier to overcome for someone to be successful long-term.

At Maple Court, we immediately move veterans in need into our temporary housing. Once enrolled, our dedicated staff work with each veteran to address underlying challenges that have contributed to their homelessness, including their history with trauma, unemployment, mental illness, addiction, and lack of transportation. Depending on the needs of each veteran, the program offers two tracks of support.

Hospital-to-Home

For most patients, especially those with stable housing, the primary criterion for hospital discharge is health status. In other words, *is the patient well enough to go home?*

The situation for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness is very different. Even if they are well enough by medical standards for discharge, they often have no place to go to heal in a safe and supported environment. Maple Court provides that safe and recuperative environment.

These veterans stay in their own apartments at the program and receive additional support until they are well enough to take the next step. During their recovery, staff work to address other barriers they may have to long-term housing and success, by providing job resources assistance, transportation assistance, care coordination, and linkages to other services in the community.

Bridge-to-Housing

Similar to Hospital-to-Home, veterans whose primary concern is homelessness, receive their own apartment at Maple Court, while staff help them secure employment and housing.

Your Impact

Thanks to givers of hope like you, over 80% of Maple Court veterans successfully move into homes of their own and are freed from the grips of homelessness each year.



“My back injury meant I couldn’t work as a police officer any more. VOA helped me get my VA benefits and stay in my home.”

– Will

A LOOK INSIDE

207 Commons Blvd
Durham, NC

To learn more about Maple Court, visit www.voachesapeake.org/maplecourt or scan the QR code.



Outdoor Grilling Area



Apartment Living Room



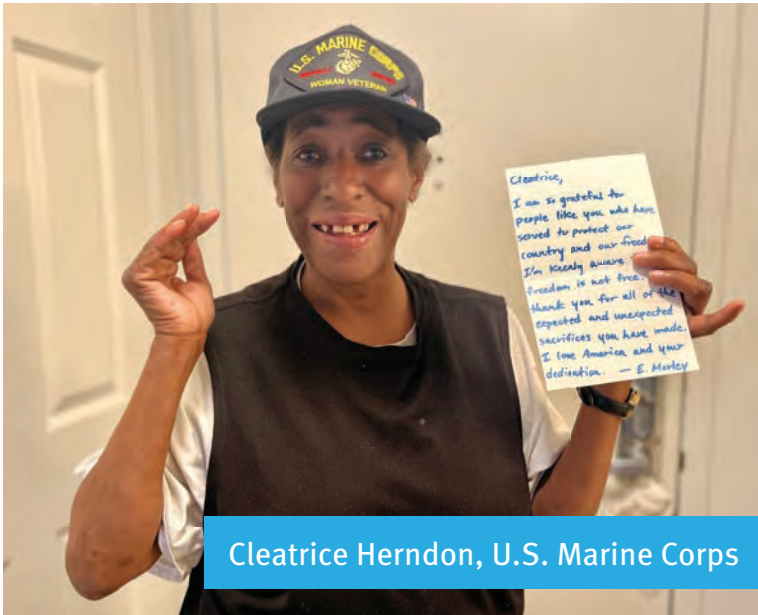
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Apartment Bathroom



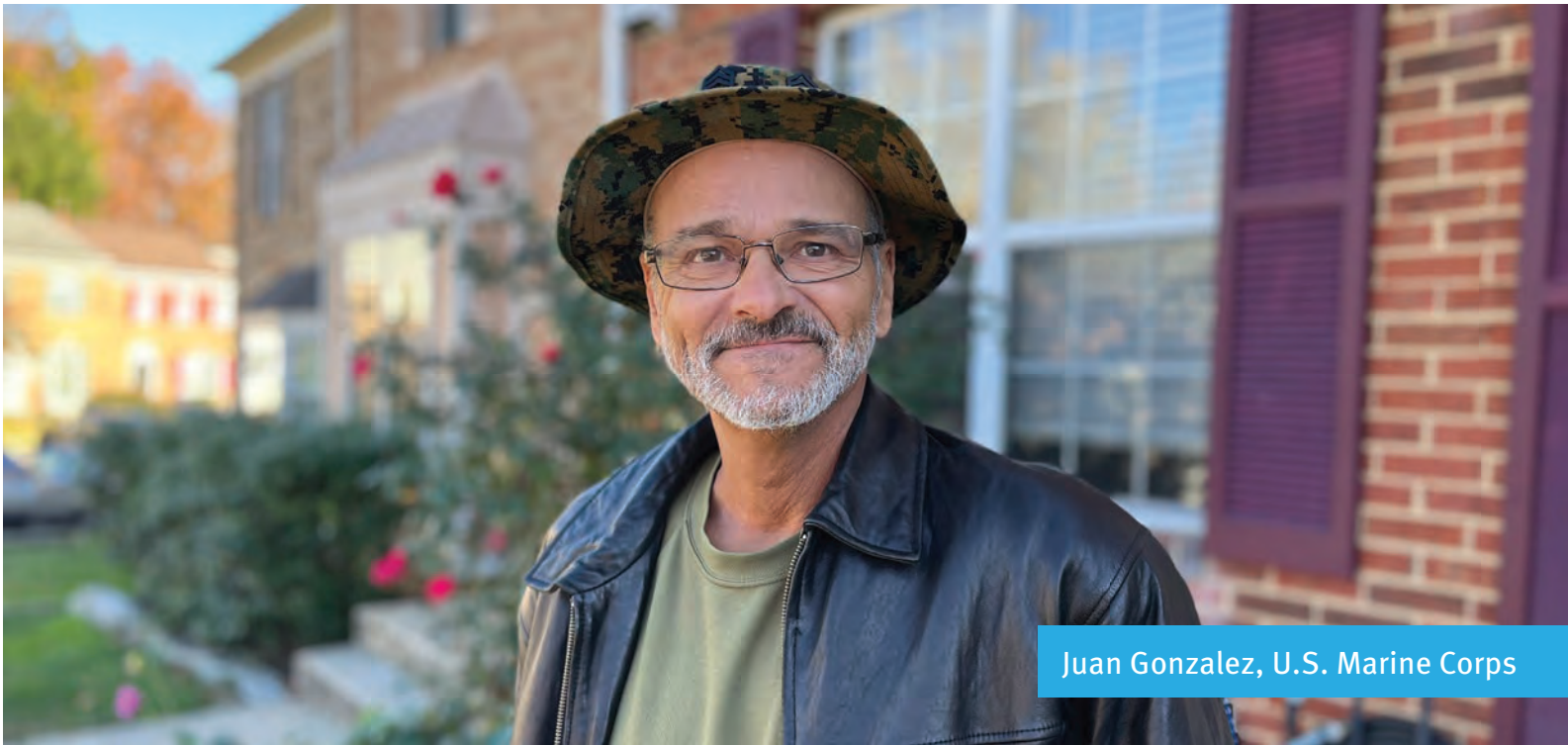
Veteran lives
you
change for the better



Cleatrice Herndon, U.S. Marine Corps



Mark Olin, U.S. Army



Juan Gonzalez, U.S. Marine Corps

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By joining our campaign, you can give hope to veterans in need for many years to come. Only givers of hope like YOU can help us cover a **\$100,000 gap** in funding needed to keep our veterans housed with the care they need to thrive.

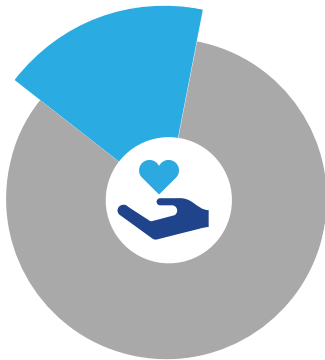
FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN OF \$573,268

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\$100,000

Supporters like you



GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Become a Beacon of Hope to a hero in need by donating now using the URL or QR code below!

voachesapeake.org/give2veterans



For questions, please contact [Nicholle Granger](mailto:ngranger@voaches.org) at ngranger@voaches.org.

SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU HELPED DAWN GET BACK ON HER FEET

In 2018, Former Chief Warrant Officer Dawn Martin was involved in a head-on collision with an impaired driver who crashed into her vehicle. Because of this, not only was Dawn medically discharged from the Army, but she suffered memory loss that she is still working to recover nearly four years later.

Dawn struggled to find work and found herself face-to-face with homelessness. That's when Dawn found Volunteers of America. Thanks to givers of hope like you, Dawn received rental assistance and support finding work.

And after she landed a job she loves, she also received money to fuel her car until she could support herself. Dawn continues to be gainfully employed today.

VOA is truly concerned about you. They were there for me financially and emotionally.

– Dawn



OFFERING A HELPING HAND – THEN & NOW

Volunteers of America is a national, faith-based nonprofit made up of over 30 independently operating chapters that collectively support, house, treat, and care for underserved communities across the country. VOA strives to fulfill the pledge of our founders, Ballington and Maud Booth, to: “Go wherever we are needed and do whatever comes to hand.”

At Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas, supporters like you have been helping us create **Healthy Communities for All** for over 125 years by aligning health, housing and human services. We actively pursue health equity by filling the gap in housing and care for underserved populations, including those who are homeless, low-income, underinsured or uninsured, justice-involved and veterans. Across Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and the Carolinas, we are the safety net for more than 10,000 men, women and children in need of housing and care each year.

We are proud of how far our communities have come and now look to our future, in the face of immense challenges plaguing our country. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate the need for low-barrier, wrap-around services that address the underlying issues impacting the homeless, especially the chronically homeless.

With your support to make sure our Maple Court veterans can stay comfortable all year long, more people in need will be able to access the integrated support they need to be well and thrive.



Homeless Services

- Eviction prevention
- Shelters & emergency housing
- Transitional housing
- Financial assistance



Housing

- Family & Senior Housing
- Veteran Housing
- Housing for those with disabilities
- Housing for those experiencing homelessness



Mental Health

- Crisis counseling
- Peer support
- Medication management
- Child & family counseling
- Telehealth



Substance Use Recovery

- Outpatient Services
- Opioid addiction treatment
- Medical respite



Veterans

- Supportive Housing
- Financial Assistance
- Employment Resource Assistance
- Mental Health & Addiction Treatment



Employment & Training Services

- Youth training & certification programs
- Adult literacy
- Job Placement



Correctional Services

- Residential re-entry centers
- Job training & resource assistance
- Family reintegration



Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

- Housing & in-home support
- Day programs
- Community integration

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