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THE MISSION OF VETERANS PLACE

is to empower veterans' transition from homeless to home, ending the cycle of homelessness, and to assist all at-risk veterans to become engaged, valuable citizens who contribute to their communities.

THE VISION OF VETERANS PLACE

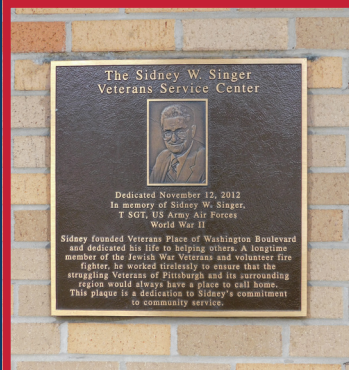
is a community where veteran homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring and where veterans are valued, productive, and respected citizens who contribute to their community.



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2025

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VETERANS PLACE *history*



★ 1996

Jewish War Veterans Post 718 purchased a parcel of blighted property with run-down row houses on Washington Boulevard. Over the next ten years, Sidney Singer fought tirelessly to raise over \$2.5 million in government and foundation grants to transform the site into an administration/service building and 13 townhouses that can accommodate up to 48 veterans.



★ 2008

Initial townhouse renovations were completed and Veterans Place started our Transitional Housing Program, becoming the only single-room occupancy, transitional housing center for homeless veterans in the region.



★ 2019

Veterans Resource Center renovations were completed. With support from Walmart, Kozi Media Design, and many others, Veterans Place Veterans Resource Center incorporated a smart classroom, food pantry, computer lab, and laundry and shower facilities for veterans that seek assistance.



★ 2022

Veterans Place completed infrastructure upgrades to the existing 13 townhouses where veterans live while receiving assistance to obtain stable employment and a permanent home. Upgrades included new roofs, windows, doors, and flooring as well as refurbishing each basement foundation. Veterans Place also hired its first female Executive Director in September.



★ 2024

In 2024, Veterans Place proudly opened two transformative facilities: the Multi-Purpose Center, providing housing, healthcare, and wellness services for homeless veterans, and the Duquesne Light Workforce Development Center, which offers job training and employment support to help veterans achieve long-term stability.



★ 2025

Veterans Place launched a Recovery Support Program, funded by a DDAP grant, to expand services and resources for veterans facing substance use challenges. We also introduced a Veteran-to-Veteran Mentorship Program, pairing volunteer mentors with veterans for guidance and peer support. Additionally, our new Wellness Center opened in the Multi-Purpose Center, providing veterans with a dedicated space for health and well-being.



★ WHAT'S NEXT

In 2026, Veterans Place is excited to introduce an outdoor gathering space featuring a gazebo, picnic tables, grills, and storage sheds. This new space will provide veterans with a dedicated place to come together, socialize, and strengthen their sense of community.

A WORD FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends of Veterans Place,

This past year marked a period of continued growth and meaningful progress for Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share the impact we achieved together.

With the continued support of our donors, partners, and dedicated staff, Veterans Place remained focused on providing comprehensive services that help veterans move toward stability, independence, and long-term success. Throughout the year, we supported veterans as they navigated healthcare systems, secured stable housing, pursued employment opportunities, and worked toward improved overall well-being.

In 2025, we were proud to expand and enhance several key programs and spaces that directly support veterans' health and recovery. On Veterans Day, we officially opened the Hero's Terrace meditation area, a meaningful addition that provides veterans with a calm, restorative space to support mindfulness, reflection, and overall well-being. We also celebrated the opening of our Wellness Center, creating a dedicated space for veterans to focus on physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

Another significant milestone was the launch of our Recovery Support Services Program, funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP). In addition, we were proud to launch our Veteran Mentorship Program in partnership with Allegheny County Veterans Court, made possible through the generous support of Duquesne Light Company.

While we are proud of the progress made in 2025, our mission remains as vital as ever. The needs of veterans continue to evolve, and we remain committed to adapting, expanding services, and strengthening partnerships to ensure that no veteran is left behind.

On behalf of our staff and the veterans we serve, thank you for your continued trust and support. Your generosity makes this work possible and allows us to create meaningful, lasting change in the lives of those who have served our country.

With deepest appreciation,



Kevin Kordzi, M.Ed.

Executive Director, Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard



Dear Friends of Veterans Place,

In 2025, Veterans Place marked a year of gratitude, growth, and impact. Support from the Veterans Administration enabled us to continue providing transitional housing and critical services to veterans experiencing homelessness. Through education and training programs, we empower many veterans to build essential skills, secure employment, and move toward self-sufficiency.

Our organization also grew stronger with the addition of dedicated social service professionals whose commitment to our mission ensures veterans receive the support needed to thrive. Partnerships with local organizations and volunteers deepened, expanding our reach and strengthening our collective impact.

The Veterans Resource Center recorded 2,253 visits in 2025, reflecting both rising community needs and the trust veterans place in our services. Each visit represented an opportunity to provide stability, guidance, and hope.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are optimistic about expanding services with strong community, state, and federal support. Guided by innovative leadership and a commitment to efficiency, directing more than 90 cents of every dollar to veteran services, we are well-positioned to launch new initiatives and ensure no veteran is left behind. It is an honor to serve as President during this transformative period for Veterans Place.

Sincerely,



Mark Wechsler

President, Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard

NEW PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

INTRODUCING THE RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Veterans Place launched a new **RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAM** funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP). The program began serving veterans experiencing substance use disorder through individualized support provided by a dedicated Certified Recovery Specialist. Services include health and wellness events, educational workshops, support groups, access to Veterans Place services, and referrals to community resources. This program strengthens Veterans Place's continuum of care and supports veterans on their path to long-term recovery and stability.

A NEW SPACE FOR WELLNESS

Veterans Place expanded its services with the opening of a new **WELLNESS CENTER** on the second floor of the Multi-Purpose Center. Prior to opening, veterans were surveyed about what they felt was missing, and many identified the need for a dedicated space to stay active. The Wellness Center now offers wellness programming, exercise equipment, stress management activities, and support for overall physical and mental well-being.

The **MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER** also includes eight single-occupancy apartments for veterans transitioning from homelessness, providing a safe and supportive place to rebuild their lives. In addition, the facility houses a medical office in partnership with Allegheny Health Network's Center for Inclusion Health, ensuring veterans who are ineligible for VA healthcare have access to critical medical services.

VETERAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH

In 2025, Veterans Place launched the **VETERAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM** to expand support for justice-involved and at-risk veterans through structured, peer-led relationships. This new initiative strengthens accountability, connection, and long-term stability by pairing veterans with mentors who provide consistent encouragement and practical guidance.

The program was developed in partnership with the Allegheny County Veterans Court to better support veterans navigating the justice system and reentry process. During the initial launch phase, efforts focused on building program infrastructure, recruiting and training mentors, and coordinating with key partners to ensure a strong foundation for success.

Duquesne Light Company provided a generous grant to launch this program. As the program continues to grow, Veterans Place looks forward to extending its reach and strengthening its impact across veteran reentry efforts.



VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

CARF ACCREDITED FOR SERVICES COORDINATION



THE VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER (VRC) is the only VA-funded drop-in resource center in Western Pennsylvania, providing vital support to veterans in need. Veterans Place conducts outreach Monday through Friday, picking up veterans from shelters, encampments, and the streets to ensure access to essential services. The VRC offers a computer lab, a state-of-the-art Smart Classroom, a commercial kitchen, free laundry and shower facilities, and an on-site food pantry. Additionally, veterans receive a hot breakfast and lunch daily.



For the second year in a row, Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Patrick Queen joined us to serve dinner to our veterans and share Terrible Towels as special gifts.

I want to thank you for donating.

I appreciate all the help;
your gifts have supported my life.

Allow your hearts to continue
to help others.

- Veteran Anthony,
Veterans Place Resident



The Sewa Diwali Community ensures our shelves stay stocked with a generous donation of goods.



Mission BBQ staff join us in the Veterans Resource Center to generously serve lunch to our veterans.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

CARF ACCREDITED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING



VETERANS PLACE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, one of the region's only VA-funded, campus-style programs, has expanded to serve 60 veterans with the addition of a multi-purpose facility and eight single-occupancy apartments. This growth enhances flexibility to support female, transgender, and wheelchair-bound veterans while providing comprehensive care, including individualized services, an on-site food pantry, employment assistance, financial literacy classes, and art therapy.



**160
VETERANS SERVED**

It was a relief when Kendall got there. I could tell there was a low lift even from him. He hadn't had a haircut in 4 months, I mean, he had no money coming in. When I tell you, all of his social determinants of health are really being met here; they are really being met. I'm just amazed, and I guess you could say veterans and taking care of veterans.

And even once my son gets to the place that he moves on, I will still support. I still want to keep the relationship with them. I wanna give, just because I know you pay it forward. You know all the things they poured into my son in less than 90 days; how do you not want to give back?

— Joane Tyler, Mother of Kendall, Veterans Place Resident

We are grateful to the Wilkins Elks Lodge for donating Welcome Home Kits for veterans moving into permanent housing. The kits include essential items such as microwaves, bedding, and other necessities to help support a smooth transition.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CARF ACCREDITED FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES: EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS & JOB DEVELOPMENT



HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (HVRP),

funded by the Department of Labor, provides all-inclusive services for unemployed and underemployed veterans. This program assists veterans in resume building, mock interviews, connection to competitive employment, and access to job-related education and materials needed for employment. Veterans Place HVRP consistently meets and exceeds goals and continues to be recognized as an exception grantee by the Department of Labor.



**101 VETERANS
PLACED IN SUSTAINABLE
EMPLOYMENT**



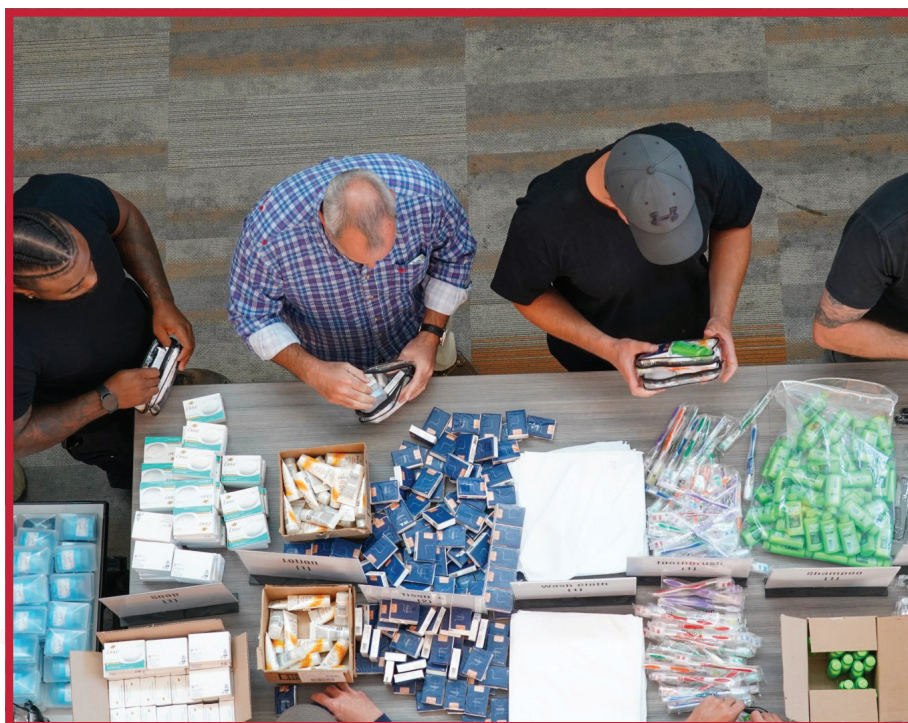
**100% VETERANS
TRAINED
THROUGH HVRP**



**\$18.48/HOUR
AVERAGE
PLACEMENT WAGE**

In 2025, the Duquesne Light Veterans Workforce Center continued to serve as a hub for career development and employment support for the veterans we serve. Established through a partnership between Veterans Place, Duquesne Light Company, and the U.S. Department of Labor, the center provides workforce readiness programming, job search assistance, and connections to local employers, helping veterans build the skills needed to achieve long-term stability and meaningful employment.

Our partnership with DLC remained strong throughout the year. In 2025, the company also selected Veterans Place as a beneficiary of their Summer of Service campaign, where employees packed and donated 200 hygiene kits for our veterans, demonstrating their continued commitment to supporting those who have served our country.



IMPACT & FINANCIALS



2,253
**VETERAN VISITS TO
THE RESOURCE CENTER**

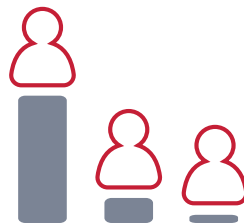


3,211
FOOD PANTRY VISITS

**42% IDENTIFIED AS
WHITE/CAUCASIAN**
**48% IDENTIFIED AS
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN**
2% IDENTIFIED AS OTHER
8% DID NOT IDENTIFY



87% MALE VETERANS
10% FEMALE VETERANS
**3% DID NOT
IDENTIFY AS
MALE OR FEMALE**



INCOME

\$2,643,598
**Government &
Foundation Grants**

\$1,017,707
Fundraising

\$91,138
Other Income

\$3,752,443
Total Income

EXPENSES

92% OF FUNDS
**go Towards
Veteran Programs**

\$3,575,209
Total Expense

*Figures represent operational funds
and have not yet been audited.*

*thank
you* ★

We are deeply grateful to the corporate and community partners whose generosity and dedication make our work possible. Their support, through time, resources, funding, and in-kind contributions, strengthens our ability to serve veterans and advance our mission to end veteran homelessness. Because of these partnerships, veterans are empowered with the stability, tools, and support needed to build meaningful and self-sufficient futures



Tim Aguglia and his incredible team went above and beyond this holiday season, ensuring every veteran felt seen, valued, and appreciated with a special gift.



Joe Noro and his team helped create a memorable holiday for our veterans, reinforcing the strength of our community.

EVENTS

11TH ANNUAL CORNHOLE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

The 11th Annual Cornhole Classic was a huge success, bringing together players, supporters, and community members for a fun-filled day in support of Veterans Place. We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing sponsors, dedicated volunteers, generous raffle basket donors, and all of the players who came out to toss bags for a great cause. Your support helps us continue our mission to serve local Veterans; we couldn't do it without you!



COMMUNITY DAY

In October, we hosted our first Community Day at Veterans Place, an afternoon dedicated to celebrating and supporting our veterans through collaboration. Community organizations joined us to provide valuable services, while veterans enjoyed activities such as an art project, hand massages, clothing, haircuts and more! Kona Ice, Hot Ash Pizza, and PK's Cluckin' Truck served great food, and a competitive ping pong tournament gave veterans a chance to win an electric bike.



EVENTS

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Place proudly hosted our Annual Veterans Day celebration, honoring those who have served our country. We extend our sincere thanks to Walmart and Citizens Bank for providing dedicated volunteers who helped make the day a success. Veterans enjoyed a variety of activities, including a magician, caricature artist, art project, raffle prizes, and a food truck generously donated by Wilkins Elks Lodge 577. The event also marked the opening of our new Heroes Terrace Meditation Area. The support of these community partners played a vital role in enhancing the services and resources available to our veterans.



HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season can be a challenging time for the veterans we serve, but in 2025, the strength of our community truly shined. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and generous partners, veterans received personalized gifts and meaningful connection, ensuring no veteran felt alone during the holidays. These thoughtful acts of generosity brought comfort, joy, and a strong sense of appreciation through our campus.



thank you

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REAL STORIES, REAL IMPACT

Veterans on the Path to Stability

EMPLOYMENT >> SEPTEMBER 2025 >> SCOTT B.

Scott Braden has been named Veteran of the Month for August 2025 by our Workforce Development Team. He served in the United States Army from November 4, 2003, through July 14, 2008, and earned the Chilean Parachutist Badge, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Pathfinder Badge. With his determination and hard work, and the support of our Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program team, Scott has accepted a position as a Mason Apprentice with one of our community partners, earning \$30.47 per hour.



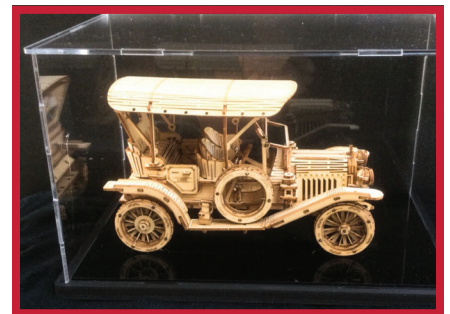
EMPLOYMENT >> DECEMBER 2025 >> RONALD R.

Our Workforce Development Team is honored to recognize Veteran Ronald Rugh as Veteran of the Month for December 2025. Veteran Rugh served in the United States Army as a Combat Signaler from June 27, 1984, through August 17, 1992. Through the determination and hard work of Veteran Rugh, combined with the dedication and resources of our Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program team, he has accepted a position as a General Laborer with one of our community partners, earning \$21.05 per hour. Congratulations, Veteran Ronald Rugh!



ARTIST >> VETERAN WILL

This will be Veteran Will's second feature as artist of the month in 2025! Veteran Will entered his ship, along with the more challenging model of a vintage car pictured here, in the recent Veterans Creative Arts Competition held in Pittsburgh. A huge congratulations to Veteran Will for receiving a Certificate of Special Recognition for his vintage car entry.



ARTIST >> VETERAN BERNARD

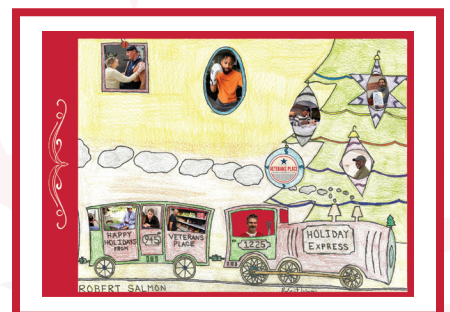
Veteran Bernard completed this black and white art piece titled "All Hands." Tracing his own hands several times resulted in numerous spaces of different sizes and shapes. Using black markers to fill in selected spaces exhibits how two divergent colors communicate more powerfully together than they do on their own. The contrast beautifully creates completion as it also reflects Bernard's ability to work towards pleasing convergence. We are honored to support his creative journey and excited to see his next inspiration come to fruition.



A SEASON OF CONNECTION

Every Tuesday at Veterans Place, Maria Carlini leads an art therapy group where veterans are encouraged to explore self-expression through various art forms. This supportive space allows creativity to become a powerful outlet for healing and reflection.

We are honored to share this meaningful piece created by veteran Bob, which was selected as our 2025 holiday card. In his artwork, Bob intentionally left open spaces on the train to represent windows meant to be filled with photos of fellow veterans, symbolizing shared journeys, remembrance, and the strong sense of community we build together.



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