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Dear Veterans Village Supporters

A Year of Accomplishment and Progress for Golden Isles Veterans Village

What a year!

2022 started on a high note in January with a \$50,000 construction grant from St. Mary's United Methodist Church Foundation which was quickly matched by Nine Line Apparel and other donors. We closed on the Brunswick property for \$62,500 in February and sent out bids for underground utilities in March. Permits and plans were approved and the city issued a Building Permit to begin work. Site work began in June and finished in October.

Meanwhile, the Illinois high schools that framed the first 20 ADA homes agreed to build the components for the slightly larger 10 ADA homes and the Community Center. We shipped them to our staging site at the South Newport Baptist Church in Townsend, Georgia where a Mission Team of volunteer crews assembled and finished many of the 20 original homes.

GIVV held a well-attended and successful fundraising dinner at Halyards in July and raised almost \$30,000.

Concrete pads were poured for all structures in the fall. In December, the 20 tiny homes, 10 ADA and Community Center sidewalls, and all building materials were transported to Brunswick. Now our progress is finally visible by all who pass by! Please come and see us at 1403 G Street, Brunswick (at the corner of G St. and Martin Luther King St., across from Manna House).

We received word in December from Hello Good Buy, and St Mary's United Methodist Church Foundation of three additional grants totaling almost \$100,000 over the next three years.

We ended the year with financial success as well. GIVV came in under budget for expenses and over budget for income; the ideal scenario.

Our success this past year was made possible by the generous support of all of you. This is truly a community project to help those who have given so much for us. We look forward to completing this project in 2023 but need your continued financial help and volunteerism to make it happen. Thanks to each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

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