

Veterans Village NEWSLETTER

A TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS "GET BACK ON THEIR FEET!"

"No Veteran Should Be Homeless!"

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THE PROGRAM

Our village is a transitional program for homeless Veterans. They will sign an agreement to enter the program and receive services utilizing a case management approach. This approach is individualized because each Veteran has their own story and needs the support to heal while addressing their specific needs. Services will include counseling, medical care, life skills, education, job training, and assistance with job placement. Participants will pay a nominal \$250 per month, assuring they have a financial investment in the program.

Each person will transition out of the program when they are ready, which is estimated to take up to three years.

The primary objective is to make each person the best they can be and for them to never be homeless again.



Veterans Village Progress

We are excited about our progress and want to share the highlights with you. The property for Veterans Village at 1403 G Street, Brunswick was purchased in February 2022 and is now in the name of Golden Isles Veterans Village, Inc. All permits for the homes, the community center, and the underground utilities were approved by the City of Brunswick and the Joint Water and Sewer Commission. This allowed us to move forward with constructing the underground utilities. On October 31st, the final inspection passed and we have the underground utilities completed. This is thanks to a donation from Nine Line Foundation for purchasing the land and constructing the underground utilities and to K-Dug Construction for the excellent construction job. This was a big step!

Concurrently, twenty tiny homes were constructed in Townsend, GA by volunteers. This was coordinated by our board construction chair and a Mission team at South Newport Baptist Church. The church used volunteer contractors, teams of college students, church groups and community members to build the tiny homes. These homes, along with the framework for the remaining ten handicapped accessible homes and the community center, will be moved to the property after the concrete foundations are poured. We are grateful for our partnership with the South Newport Baptist Church.

Our first annual fundraising dinner was held on July 31st at Halyards Restaurant. It was a successful and fun evening celebrating Veterans, especially those that need our help and find themselves homeless. Our Veterans have sacrificed to make our country the best in the world and now it's our turn to help them to get out of homelessness and be the best that they can be.

We need to raise additional funds to take us to the finish line. We hope you'll find it in your heart to donate and help us get the village built which is the first step to providing the much needed services to eliminate homelessness - 30 Veterans at a time!



Volunteers finishing the exteriors



20 tiny homes ready to be moved to Veterans Village

NEXT STEPS

This is a community project! We are excited to be moving into a very busy time in the development of this village. The next steps will be:

- Place the forms for pouring concrete.
- Treat the ground for termites and lay a polyurethane barrier.
- Pour the concrete for 30 tiny homes and a community center.
- Move the 20 completed tiny homes from Townsend, Ga. to the property and place them on the concrete foundations.
- Move the component parts to the last 10 tiny homes that are slightly larger to accommodate wheelchairs (ADA compliant.)
- Move the component parts to the community center and assemble them on site.
- Begin completing the interiors of the 30 tiny homes and the community center.
- Pour concrete walkways, complete landscaping and construct a fence.
- Accept Veterans into the program and begin services!

These are just the highlights with many steps in between. To achieve them requires additional funding. *Please consider an end of the year donation to help.*

Thank you,

Lorene Reid
President

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How The Money Is Spent

Golden Isles Veterans Village is currently in a fundraising campaign. To date we have raised \$515,000+ in donations. Of that amount, less than 3% has been used for operations. The remainder has been spent on purchasing the land, installing the water and sewer infrastructure and building the tiny homes and community center off site.

We are still in need of an additional \$1 million to complete the capital project. Any gifts or contributions would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to gift through your IRA and you are of age 70 ½, you can gift up to \$100,000 through a QCD.

Please contact us at info@goldenislesveteransvillage.org if you have questions or need additional information.

A Special Thank You

We are grateful for our community's support and want to Thank each business, organization and individual that has donated to get us to this point. We are excited about finishing this village and fulfilling our Mission of eliminating homelessness 30 Veterans at a time.



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