



WELCOME HOME
A COMMUNITY FOR VETERANS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Together, we will
**END VETERAN
HOMELESSNESS**

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

At Welcome Home, our resolve has never wavered: stable housing is the foundation for rebuilding lives, and we remain steadfast in our mission to provide it. Year after year, we hold firm to our commitment to both emergency shelter and permanent housing solutions for veterans in need. Whether it's a safe place to stay in times of crisis or a long-term home where veterans can regain stability, we stay the course, ensuring they have access to secure housing that supports their journey forward.

Beyond housing, we remain unwavering in our commitment to the wraparound services that help veterans rebuild their lives. From employment assistance and financial counseling to health care and mental wellness support, we hold true to an integrated approach, ensuring veterans have the stability and resources they need to thrive.

None of this steadfastness would be possible without the incredible team behind it, and I want to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for them. Our staff, volunteers, and community partners work tirelessly, day in and day out, to ensure every veteran who walks through our doors is met with compassion, support, and real solutions. They do more than just provide shelter; they restore hope. They go above and beyond to help veterans rebuild their lives, offering guidance, care, and the resources needed to transition into stable, self-sustaining housing.

In 2025 alone, we provided 16,045 bed nights of shelter to homeless veterans and their families. We served 48,153 nutritious, well-balanced meals. We assisted 546 veterans and family members through our comprehensive programs and services—70% of those in our Emergency Shelter moved into permanent housing, and 92% in our Permanent Housing Program secured lasting stability. But numbers only tell part of the story. What matters most is the transformation—restoring dignity, rebuilding lives, and ensuring every veteran has the resources and support they need to thrive.

As a veteran who has faced similar challenges, it remains my honor to serve as President, dedicated to this mission and to every veteran we serve. I know firsthand the uncertainties after service, and I believe deeply in the power of community and support.

At Welcome Home, we believe every veteran deserves a place to call home. Compounded barriers and the affordable housing crisis still make stability difficult, but through strong partnerships with stakeholders like you, we continue building sustainable solutions for veterans in need.

To our supporters, volunteers, and community allies—thank you. Your belief fuels our work every day, all year long. Together, we are proving that no veteran should face homelessness.

Together, we are restoring lives.

MARCUS GLOVER

U.S. Air Force Veteran, 2025–2026 Board President

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KEY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

All support and wraparound services are customized to meet the needs and goals of each individual veteran, including intensive case management, advocacy, and an opportunity to build a greater quality of life. Our key programs include:

EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL SHELTER:

- Homeless outreach and services empowering veterans to get back on their feet and improve their overall quality of life
- 32 private rooms for homeless veterans (men, women, & families): community room, commercial kitchen, computer lab, lounge area, laundry and shower facilities, walking trail and garden area
- Wraparound supportive services: individualized, intensive case management; connection to VA benefits, transportation, healthcare, recovery, and legal assistance
- Employment assistance, including resume and interview prep, job placement assistance, and training opportunities

PERMANENT HOUSING:

- Permanent and rapid rehousing for veterans and their families: intensive case management, financial planning, connection to VA benefits and services
- Financial assistance for upfront housing expenses like rent, move-in deposits, security and utility deposits, household essentials and supplies
- Affordable housing identification and advocacy: landlord mediation, transportation, improve capacity for long-term housing, income and personal stability
- Homelessness prevention and diversion assistance, including outreach to rural communities

OUR MISSION HAS NO WALLS

Welcome Home serves 26 counties in Missouri.

Welcome Home serves veterans and their families across mid-Missouri, extending our reach far beyond the walls of our shelter. Through partnerships with landlords, property owners, and generous funders, we help veterans secure safe, permanent housing and, when possible, prevent homelessness before it happens. Because the best outcome isn't simply moving someone out of homelessness, it's helping them avoid it altogether.



2025 IMPACT & OUTCOMES

92%

veterans enrolled in the Permanent Housing Program who maintained or obtained permanent housing within 47 days

546

veterans and family members experiencing or at risk of homelessness were proudly served

70%

veterans enrolled in the Emergency & Transitional Shelter Program moved into permanent housing within 121 days.

48,135

well-balanced meals served and groceries provided

16,045

bed nights of care provided

\$0

cost to veterans and families served

MORE THAN **STATS**. THESE ARE **REAL LIVES** CHANGED.

“I've known for years that there is a veteran homeless problem. **I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE PART OF IT.**

From the moment I got here, what I heard most was, **'WE ARE HERE FOR YOU'...** From every employee and volunteer I keep hearing this. Sometimes I would sit and watch you guys and it didn't take long to realize you guys really mean it. You truly mean it. And that's with every service member that comes through your doors. ”

- WELCOME HOME VETERAN



A SECOND CHANCE AT HOME

Bryan's Welcome Home Story



A former participant at Welcome Home, Bryan, lost his permanent housing due to substance use and needed the Shelter Program. However, this time, he was returning to the Shelter fresh from jail, facing significant barriers and the recent loss of a relationship.

Determined to reclaim his life, Bryan focused on maintaining sobriety and rebuilding his future. He set ambitious goals: securing a service connection,

obtaining benefits, finding work, and moving into new permanent housing.

He successfully achieved every objective.

Bryan secured a 50% service connection, gained employment through the VA, maintained sobriety, and improved his mental health.

Bryan moved into a place of his own in March 2025.

RECOGNITION & ACCOLADES



CARF Accreditation: An independent accrediting organization, CARF provides a thorough peer review process for health

and human services organizations. Its rigorous peer review evaluates leadership, governance, service quality, and outcomes, recognizing Welcome Home's commitment to excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement for the veterans we serve.

Platinum
Transparency
2025

Candid.

Candid is a nonprofit information resource connecting donors with organizations they can support with confidence.

Welcome Home's Platinum Seal of Transparency recognizes our commitment to openly sharing our mission, financial stewardship, measurable outcomes, and community impact.



WELCOME HOME NAMED NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

Welcome Home was named the Columbia Chamber of Commerce's Nonprofit of the Year.

The recognition celebrates the dedication and commitment of Welcome Home's staff, volunteers, and donors.

HOME AT LAST: A STORY OF RESILIENCE

Randy's Welcome Home Story

Retired Navy veteran, Randy, faced significant hardship after losing his job and home due to medical issues. Upon being referred to Welcome Home, he enrolled in the Shelter Program where his basic needs were met through support from Welcome Home.

A pivotal part of his recovery was enrollment in the Permanent Housing Program, which facilitated his transition to independence. He now lives in his own home.

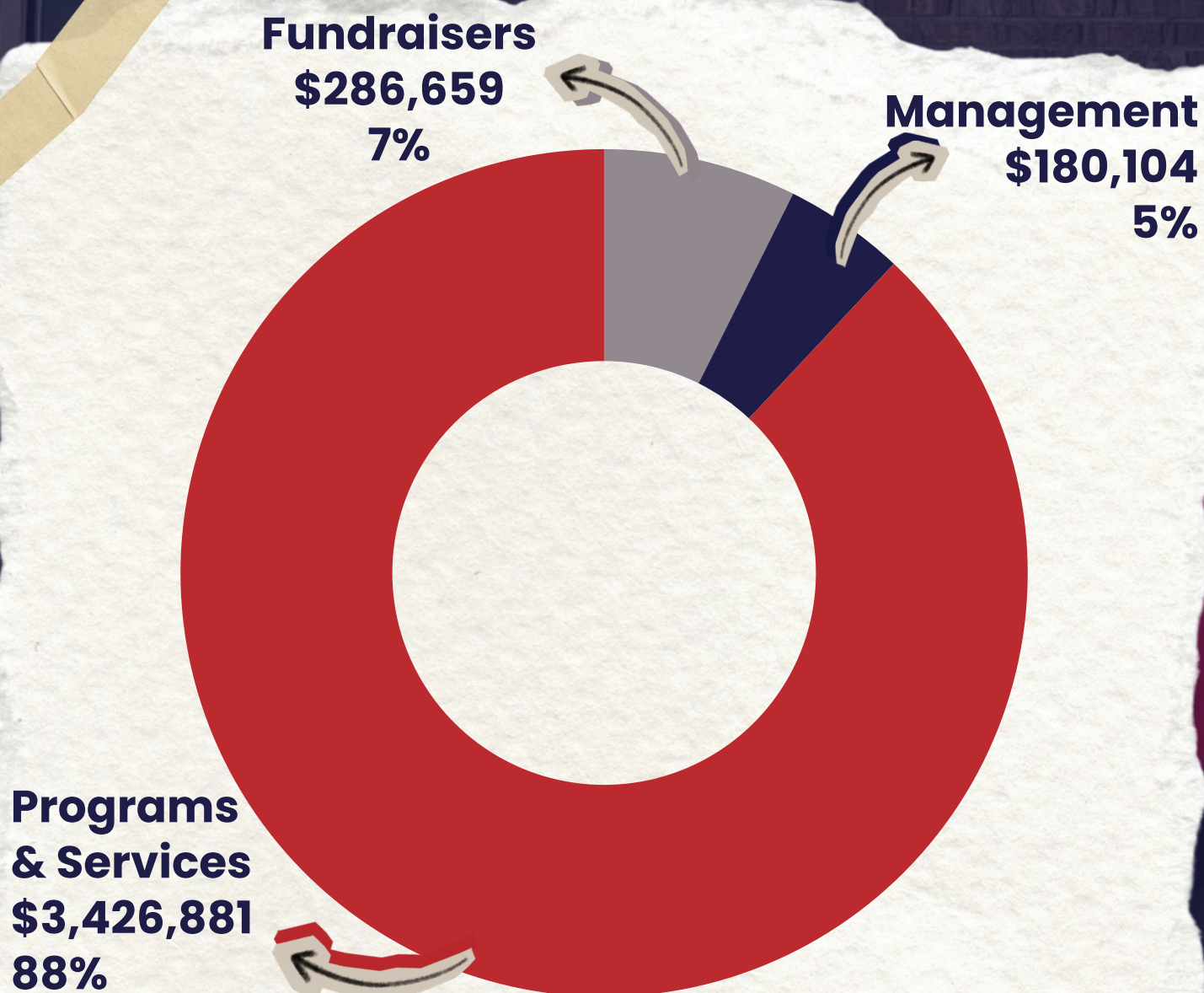
Through this program, Randy received:

- **Case Management:** Personalized guidance to access VA benefits and develop a stable housing plan.
- **Housing Assistance:** Advocacy to find an affordable, permanent home.
- **Essential Resources:** Financial assistance for move-in costs, a "Move-In Kit," furniture, and groceries provided.

STORIES LIKE RANDY'S ARE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU WHO HELP TURN HOPE INTO A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

HOW EVERY DOLLAR WAS INVESTED

Every contribution is carefully stewarded to maximize our impact, ensuring veterans and their families receive the support they need while maintaining responsible organizational operations.



WELCOME HOME

PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

The largest share of our expenses directly supports veterans through housing assistance, shelter operations, case management, employment support, and other essential services. Every investment helps create pathways to stability, independence, and lasting success for the veterans and families we serve.



FUNDRAISING:

Fundraising expenses help Welcome Home grow our impact by engaging donors, hosting community events, and building sustainable sources of support. These investments ensure we can continue expanding programs and serving more veterans in the years ahead.



MANAGEMENT:

Behind every veteran we serve is a strong organization working behind the scenes. Management expenses provide the leadership, infrastructure, and oversight that allow Welcome Home to operate responsibly, strengthen our programs, and maximize every opportunity to make an impact.



2025 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

AUGGIE'S CANS 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

For nearly 10 years, Auggie White has been a dedicated supporter of Welcome Home, a journey that started when he was 9 years old when he began collecting, crushing, and recycling cans for cash to donate to veterans.

In 2025 alone, Auggie's Cans, alongside its supporters, raised nearly \$6,000 to support homeless veterans.

In November, a flag that had flown at Welcome Home was gifted to Advantage Metals Recycling by Tery Donelson, USAF Retired, who is a former WH board member and Auggie White's stepfather.

The flag was received by an employee known as "Dollar Bill." "Mr. Bill" and the rest of the team at Advantage Metals Recycling collect customer contributions on behalf of Auggie's Cans, providing \$5,000 to Auggie in addition to the funds he earned from his own can-crushing endeavors.



8TH ANNUAL ROCK BRIDGE LIONS CLUB CHARITY PICNIC



The commitment of a local Lions Club to include Welcome Home in their annual fundraising efforts for the past eight years has been humbling," noted Michelle Vogt, Development Director for Welcome Home. "It's been amazing to partner with the Lions Club to raise money to support the work of so many who have a vision of a world without veteran homelessness."



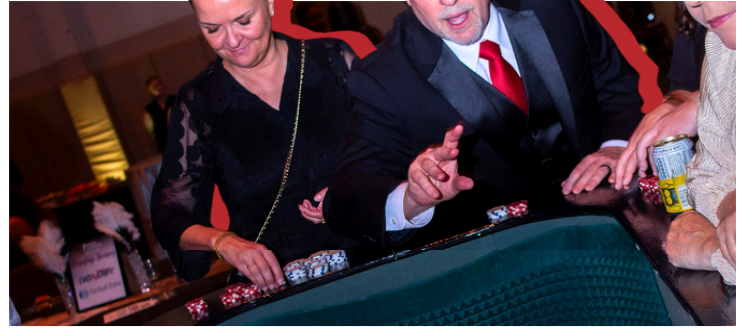
\$32,261 RAISED

A DECADE OF CASINO NIGHT

Welcome Home marked its 10th Annual Casino Night, presented by DataVerify and Factual Data, uniting the community for fun and philanthropy in support of Mid-Missouri veterans. Guests enjoyed a Vegas-themed evening with casino games, auctions, raffles, entertainment, and food, all supporting veterans' services.

All proceeds went to fund critical programs for veterans at risk of homelessness, including shelter, housing assistance, and employment support.

THE EVENT RAISED \$142,500 FOR WELCOME HOME.



WHISKEY, WINE & WELCOME HOME

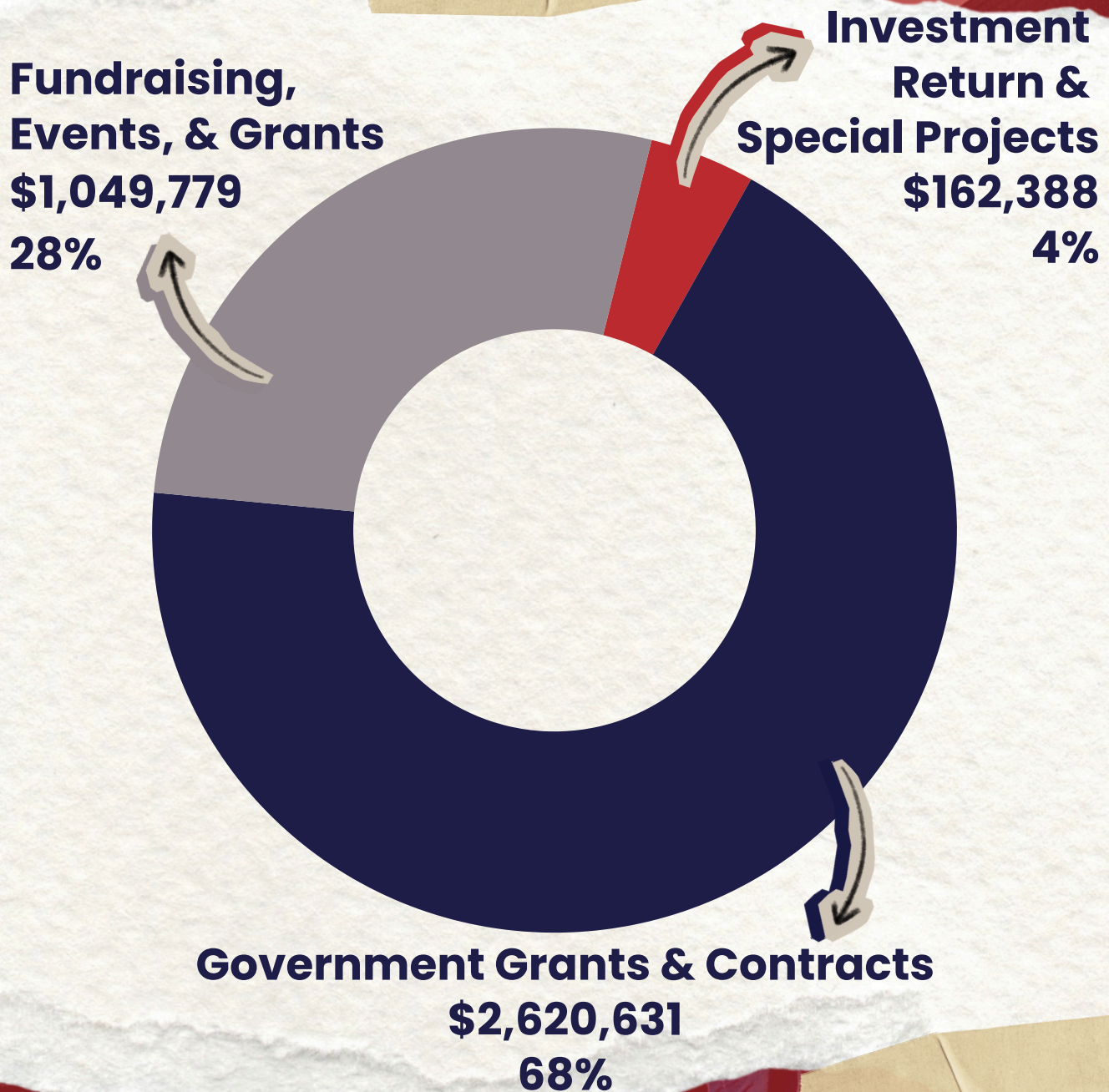
Supporters gathered at the Capital Bluffs Event Center for the 4th Annual Whiskey, Wine & Welcome Home fundraiser. Proudly presented by Vessell Bridges Murphy Law Office, the evening featured exclusive tastings in partnership with BarVino and BarWhiskey, alongside live music, a silent auction, and a cigar patio. This signature event united our community to raise the critical funds and awareness needed to restore housing, stability, and dignity to the veterans we serve.

THE EVENT RAISED \$60,403 FOR WELCOME HOME.



POWERED BY OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome Home's mission is sustained through a diverse network of supporters. Every contribution—from individual investments to grants and community partnerships—helps provide housing, stability, and hope for veterans and their families.



FUNDRAISING, EVENTS & GRANTS:

The generosity of individual donors, businesses, foundations, and community partners fuels our mission every day. Through charitable gifts, fundraising events, and grant support, these investments provide the flexible resources needed to expand programs, respond to urgent needs, and create lasting change for the veterans and families we serve.



GOVERNMENT GRANTS & CONTRACTS:

Federal, state, and local grants provide critical funding for housing programs, case management, and supportive services. These partnerships ensure veterans receive the resources they need while maintaining accountability and measurable impact.



INVESTMENT RETURN & SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Investment income and special project funding strengthen Welcome Home's long-term sustainability and allow us to pursue strategic opportunities. These resources help us innovate, respond to emerging needs, and invest in initiatives that enhance our mission.



2025 DONOR ROLL

FIVE-STAR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MISSION INVESTMENT \$20,000+

AT&T Services, Inc.
Bob Woodruff Foundation &
Got Your 6 Network
DataVerify/Factual Data
Disabled American Veterans
Charitable Service Trust

Propeller Properties of Columbia
The Crossing Church
Veterans United Foundation

FOUR-STAR ★ ★ ★ ★ MISSION INVESTMENT \$10,000 - \$19,999

Boone Electric Community Trust
Dawson and Shelly Rolwing
Dr. Alan and Mrs. Megan Anz
Dr. Peter and Mrs. Donna Buchert
Equifax
Informative Research
Mid America Bank
Molly's Jewelry Design and Repair
Orange Coast Lender Services
Orscheln Industries Foundation, Inc.

Plumbers and Pipefitters Annual
Golf Tournament Local 562
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562
Roger and Jenny Lorenz-Rudkin
Schneider Electric
Spring Annual Poker Tournament
Threshold of Hope
Vessell Bridges Murphy Law Offices

THREE-STAR ★ ★ ★ MISSION INVESTMENT \$5,000 - \$9,999

American Legion Post 202 - Annual
Car, Truck and Bike Show
Band of Brothers - Annual Poker Run
Barry and Jackie Cox
Big Whiskey's American Bar and
Restaurant - Big Whiskey Gives Back
Columbia IOOF No 207
DAF Giving 360
Don and Suzanne Howser
Dr. James and Mrs. Jill Newton
Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Nicole Aleto

Essent Title Insurance
Johnnie and Michelle Beckwith
MFA Oil Company
Mortgage Connect
Priority Title & Escrow, LLC
Rho Chapter - Sigma Nu Fraternity -
SigmaPalooza
Ross and Natalie Bridges
The Giving Branch
Timber Ridge Builders, Inc.

ON BEHALF OF WELCOME HOME'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND VETERANS WE SERVE, WE THANK THESE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES FOR THEIR PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS AND GENEROSITY IN HELPING FULFILL OUR CRITICAL MISSION.

TWO-STAR ★ ★ MISSION INVESTMENT \$2,500 - \$4,999

American Legion Auxiliary 152, Ashland
Columbia Elks Lodge #594
Daniel Mahurin
Dan and Michelle Vogt – Whitetails
Unlimited
Dollar General & DG Distribution Center
EquipmentShare
Excel Orthopedics
First Integrity Title National Solutions LLC
Hitachi Energy

Jeffrey Reichmuth
Jennifer Sticken
Larry and Judy Morris
Marilyn Rauland Kidder Foundation
Ron Netemeyer
St Charles County Disc Golf Club
Tery and Samantha Donelson
(Auggie's Cans)
TIG Advisors
Tim and MaryKay Wyss

ONE-STAR ★ MISSION INVESTMENT \$500 - \$2,499

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All American Dental
ACA Business Club
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Labrunerie
Ameren Missouri
American Century
Investments
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Brent Moore
Brock and Tammy
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LLC
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Elementary
Missouri – North Kansas
Moose Association
Mizzou Marines
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Nationwide Life and
Annuity Insurance Co
Neil Copeland
New Breed Motorcycle
Club
New Horizons Church
Onyx Spine and
Orthopedic Institute
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Hydrojetting, LLC
Prost Builders
Red Rock United
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Richard Mendenhall
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The Premiere Group LLC
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Organization – SE
Correctional Center
Up To Good
Veterans United Home
Loans
VFW Post 6276
William Boston
William Draper



GET YOUR **BOOTS** ON THE GROUND

VOLUNTEER:

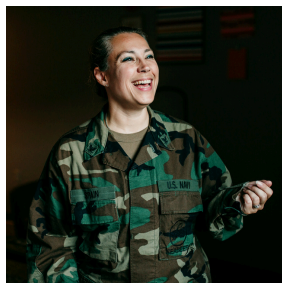
- ★ "KP Duty" (Serve a meal at the shelter)
- ★ Landscaping and Beautification
- ★ Inventory and Organizing
- ★ Assist with Fundraising Events

DONATE:

- ★ Sponsor a Room for Veterans
- ★ Make a General Donation
- ★ Become a Monthly Donor
- ★ Sponsor or Attend a Fundraising Event
- ★ Donate Supplies from the Needs List
- ★ Donate In-Kind Gift for Silent Auctions
- ★ Create a Facebook Fundraiser
- ★ Rent Affordable Housing Units

FUNDRAISE:

- ★ Dress Down Days at Work
- ★ Organize Supply and Donation Drives
- ★ Neighborhood Raffles
- ★ Community Yard Sales
- ★ Facebook Fundraisers
- ★ Trivia or Bingo Nights
- ★ End Veteran Homeless Giving Envelope
- ★ BBQ or Cookouts
- ★ Motorcycle Rides



HELP CAN'T WAIT WHEN YOU'RE FACING HOMELESSNESS

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SUPPORT?



SCAN THE QR CODE
ABOVE TO MAKE AN
ONLINE DONATION, TODAY.

INVEST IN A VETERAN'S FUTURE:

Mail Your Gift to:
WELCOME HOME
2120 Business Loop 70 East
Columbia, MO 65201

HELP

Generous donations from diversified funding sources provide critical financial support to help Welcome Home carry out, enhance, and expand our programs efficiently and effectively.

OUR

Collaborations and contributions allow us to implement sustainable initiatives that create lasting change in the lives of veterans and their families we serve, as well as in our communities.

MISSION

Throughout 26+ mid-Missouri counties, Welcome Home works to honor veterans and restore lives, with a vision to end veteran homelessness.

ENDURE

Your generous support will directly provide safe and stable shelter, permanent housing, employment services, access to healthcare and eligible benefits, and other essential wraparound supportive services for at-risk and homeless veterans, offering them a chance to rebuild their lives.

COMMITTED TO SERVING VETERANS FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS





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