

## Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans



*Ending Veteran Homelessness in Minnesota*



### Our Mission

To end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota

### Our Vision

To provide assistance throughout Minnesota to Veterans and their families who are homeless or experiencing other life crises leading to homelessness

## Message from Jon Lovald, Chief Operations Officer

I would like to give a special 'Thank You' to the MACV Staff, volunteers, and community partners who helped make 2018 one of the most impactful years in the history of our organization. Your efforts helped MACV raise awareness of our mission to end Veteran homelessness throughout the state. Specifically, as you will see in more detail below, we have effectively ended Veteran homelessness in the North East Continuum of Care.

Additionally, many of you may have seen testimonials showing the Veterans we have served. This has led to increased partnerships in the community and has made our existing partnerships stronger. Seeing who we are serving helps to improve our understanding of homelessness as we recognize that homelessness is not a number-it is the real life of a Veteran and their family who needs our help.

A special thanks to WCCO for airing the Home for the Holidays campaign and hosting two phone bank opportunities for MACV. Also, a special thank you to the Minnesota Twins for their support for our Home for the Holidays event. Between the two phone bank opportunities, we raised nearly \$134,000 which will be used to serve our Veterans in 2019.

Our focus next year continues to be on improving organizational infrastructure to meet the needs of our Veterans. Software systems such as salesforce will continue to be refined as well as our strategic geographical target areas to serve Veterans. We will continue our drive to end women Veteran homelessness by the end of 2019 while working closely with the homeless Veterans registry. 2018 was an incredible year which was made possible by your support.

Thank you for all that you do and happy holidays,



Jon Lovald

A handwritten signature of Jon Lovald in black ink, enclosed in a white rectangular box.

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*TO ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WHO HELPED MAKE OUR 2018 WCCO HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS PHONE BANKS A SUCCESS-WE GIVE YOU OUR SINCEREST THANKS AND GRATITUDE.*

**MAJOR CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS:**

- BATC-Housing First Minnesota
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- Edina Reality Foundation
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- Wells Fargo
- American Legion 3M Post 599



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## UPDATE ON OUR MISSION TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

### NORTHEAST CONTINUUM OF CARE DECLARES END TO VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

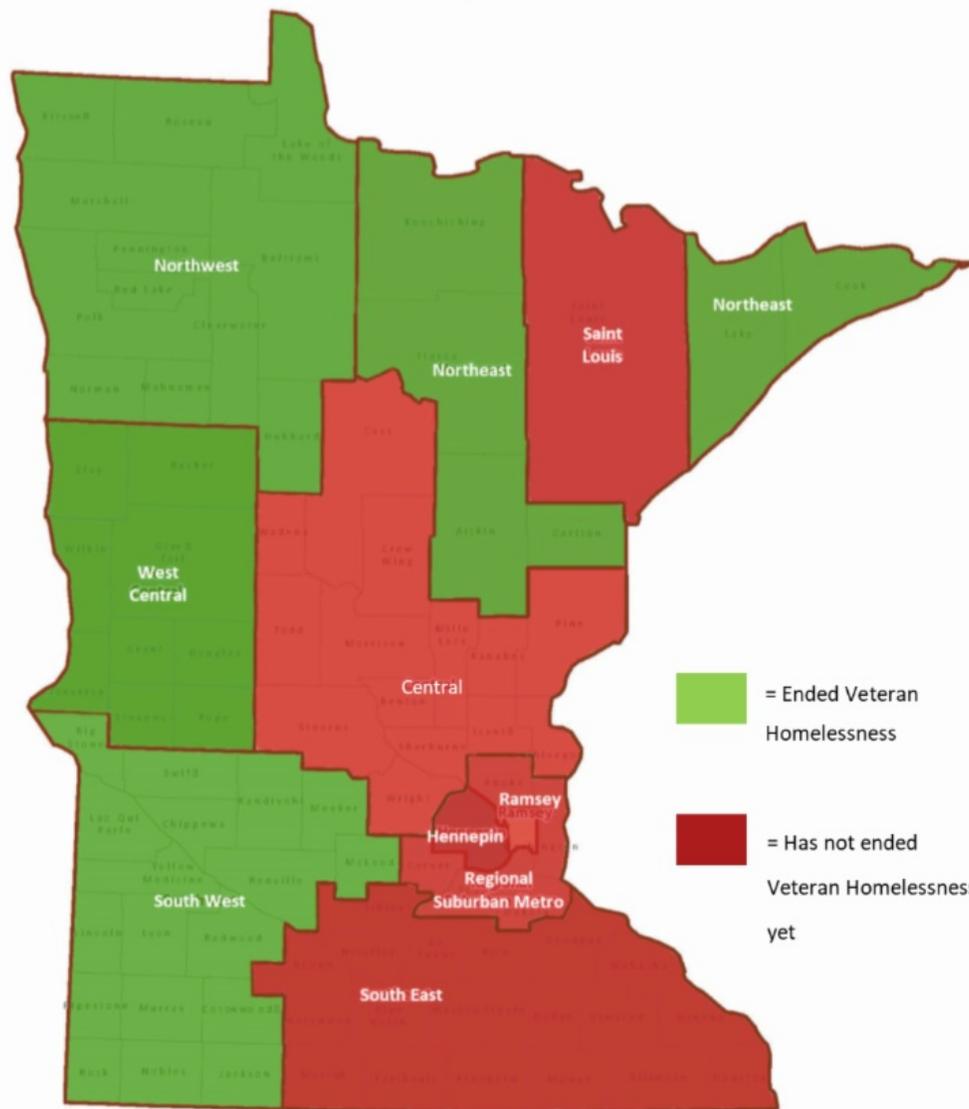
Veteran homelessness is a solvable problem and we are committed to achieving that goal. In looking at the map below, you can see that Minnesota is broken down into 10 homeless Continuum's of Care (CoC) regions. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Northeast CoC made the historic declaration that they have functionally ended Veteran homelessness. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> CoC in Minnesota to achieve this milestone, joining the Northwest, West Central, and Southwest CoCs, and shifting emphasis in these communities to prevention.

What does this mean? Functional zero is achieved when we have a sustainable, systemic response in place that ensures Veteran homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or is a rare, brief, and one-time experience.

Being the main urban area in the state, the Twin Cities have the largest number of Veterans experiencing homelessness. In the coming year, MACV will strive to reduce the number of homeless Veterans in the metro region, with our priority being to finish the job of ending Veteran homelessness in St. Louis County and Central Minnesota. With strong strategic focus and investment, success in these regions is attainable within the next 12 months.

By the end of 2019, we expect to see functional zero and an end to Veteran homelessness in 8 of the 10 Continuum's of Care with Hennepin and Ramsey being the final push.

## Minnesota's Continuum of Care Regions



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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



### Leonard J Mikulay Foundation

We would like to extend a special thanks to the Leonard J. Mikulay Foundation whose mission is to support tax exempt Minnesota organizations that honor, encourage, and assist individuals and their families who are (a) Veterans of the United States Military; (b) those who are serving or who have served in law

enforcement; or (c) the poor and needy. This year, the foundation went above and beyond the call of duty by supporting one of our Veterans with a replacement furnace, and rental assistance so he can focus on employment. This life changing gift from the foundation will positively impact the future of the Veteran, his wife, and their children.

### Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell

As Minnesota's third largest private employer and a Minnesota Yellow Ribbon Company, Wells Fargo sponsored the casting of The Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell to honor Minnesota veterans. This sustainable mobile platform will allow Minnesotans a distinctive way to recognize veterans, active service members and military families for years to come.



The Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell was cast by The Verdin Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. After 175 years, The Verdin Company still uses craftsmanship honed over the decades to produce the highest-quality bells, clocks, and towers in the world.

MACV is proud to be the recipient and steward of The Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell. This bell will be used to raise awareness for all Veterans and their families that we serve throughout the state of Minnesota.

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### November 2018 Highlights

## 2018 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Home for the Holidays is modeled after some of the most successful outreach opportunities in the country. At its core, the purpose is to bring community partners who are vital in our mission of ending Veteran homelessness to one place, so they can meet face to face with Veterans in need. What makes it different however, is the

overwhelming support of our community partners such as Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, WCCO Channel 4, the Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs & General Mills who paid for the food, Delaware North who prepared the food, our incredible service providers, volunteers, and many others. Take a moment to view the news clips and photo slideshow below and you can see the positive energy being directed toward our Veterans who are most in need.

How do we measure success for this event? Our primary focus is to reach and connect with homeless Veterans who have never been connected to resources before. This strategic focus, ensures that we are not just helping Veterans who are easy to find, but specifically, reaching out to homeless Veterans who need help the most. For example, a homeless Veteran who had never connected with resources before, and had been sleeping in his car, came to our event and for the first time and was connected to the support he needed. This year, of the 133 Veterans we served, over 50% were homeless. Our thanks again go out to all the community partners, direct service providers, MACV staff, and volunteers who helped make this event successful.

Don't miss out on the incredible coverage of the event below!



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## MILITARY KIDS STOCKING GIVEAWAY

MACV was proud to partner with Operation Homefront and our local Veteran Service Organizations this holiday season! Together these organizations spread a little holiday cheer by distributing stockings full of toys to military families throughout Minnesota. Distribution took place in Princeton, St. Cloud, Perham, Duluth, Brainerd, Mankato, and the Home for the Holidays event in Minneapolis. Community groups, businesses, churches, and other organizations participated across the state, making our first Holiday Stocking Giveaway a success!

[Click here to view the Facebook slideshow](#)



## Meet our Team

### **Corey Bardon** **Metro Case Manager**

Corey transitioned over from St. Stephen's Human Services in Minneapolis in November where he served as a Rapid Rehousing/Prevention Case Manager with veterans experiencing homelessness. Drawing on his family's military experiences as well as his education in social work, Corey's passion and drive is with the Veterans we serve as one of MACV Metro's new Housing Case Managers. When Corey isn't hastily answering emails or calls, he enjoys reading non-fiction novels, trying tasty new foods, and spending much needed time watching *The West Wing* on Netflix and time with his partner, friends, and family.





**Sam Peterson**  
**Metro Case Manager**

I grew up in a little town called Freeborn, MN. I attended Riverland Community College in Austin, MN for generals. Later, after surviving a flash fire at the local grain elevator where I worked, I decided to go back to school and studied in Mankato. A couple of years later, I completed a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare and Human Services Management at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. (Minneapolis Campus.) I have an extensive eclectic music collection so I can talk about just about anything music related. (Except country post 1980.) I live in Saint Paul with my wife Roxy and our cat Rhino.

### Upcoming Legal Clinics



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