

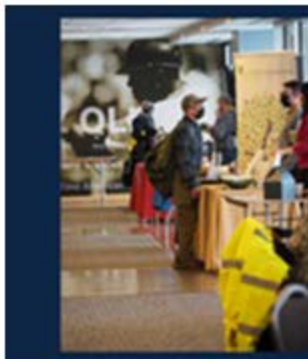


Home For The Holidays at Target Field

Gathering Together



Nearly 200 Minnesota Veterans and family members took part in the [Home for the Holidays](#) gathering at Target Field December 15. Together with service providers, community partners, and volunteers, MACV and WCCO CBS Channel 4 rolled out the red carpet for America's heroes and worked to meet their individual needs for housing, employment, legal, health care so much more. We closed the day out with a delicious turkey dinner and great conversation. We couldn't do this alone – we give thanks to who made this happen!



In the News

Affordable Housing for Veterans in Rochester

A transformation is taking place in Rochester. Gaps in affordable housing are being bridged. The city continues to bring in ideas, funding, and expertise to tackle an issue that impacts Veterans looking for safe, stable housing. Construction begins next spring on a new temporary housing project for Veterans and their families.

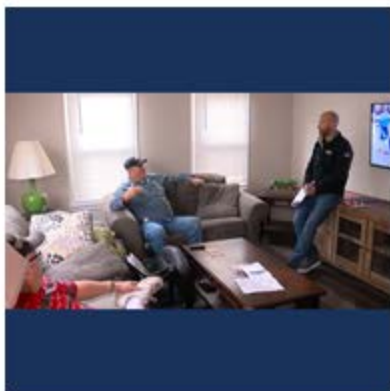
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WCCO Interviews on Ending Veteran Homelessness



MACV President & CEO Neal Loidolt sat down with WCCO CBS Channel 4 to discuss our work to give Vets a Home for the Holidays.



MACV and its community partners are working harder than ever to overcome obstacles to housing for as many veterans as possible.



MACV Chief Operating Officer Jon Lovald says building trust with Veterans is a core component to successfully getting them off the street.

Client and Case Manager Story

Things Are Looking Up: Kirk

Kirk grew up in Florida, joined the Army, served overseas, and after a few years came home to the United States. Life comes at you fast, and a move across the country often comes from the effort to take care of oneself. When things didn't go well, [Kirk kept trying](#). When things got worse, Kirk didn't give up. MACV met Kirk and matched his determination and energy. Together we work.



Volunteer with MACV

This year's Home for the Holidays gathering was a huge success as nearly 200 Veterans were served with life-changing information and support. This event wouldn't be possible without help from volunteers. This year MACV coordinated the effort of 48 volunteers directly, contributing a total of 225.5 hours of service to ensure the success of this critical event. We thank you from the bottom of our heart and are grateful to your time and effort. MACV is [growing our volunteer program](#) throughout the state and will have many opportunities in 2022.



[Sign-Up to Volunteer](#)

Partner Spotlight



Friends of Fredrickson came through this year with more wonderful giving this holiday season. For nine years Fredrickson has joyously provided Christmas gifts to children of Veterans and this year is no different. This week dozens and dozens of gifts were given to three families who swelled with appreciation and joy. They are supported by the employees of a local law firm who are grateful for the opportunity to support Veterans who protected and served our country.



The **Northeast Minnesota Suicide Prevention Coalition** continues their outreach work in Duluth, working with the YMCA to host a clothing drive for Veterans and their family. [Keeping warm and safe](#) from the weather is of utmost importance, as Minnesotans know. Keeping stable and safe from self-harm is a topic fewer know and speak of with appropriate care. The coalition, and many like it, continuously works to help those in need and prevent suicide across the state, especially amongst those who served our nation.



MACV is proud to partner with **Hunter's Harvest** to distribute meat to our friends and clients. They donated a literal truckload of venison to the Minnesota National Guard and Veterans in transitional housing. We are grateful to them, as well to Big Steer Meats for processing this year's donation. We are deeply appreciative of Pam Wandzel and Roxanne Gangl for helping this year with creating joy and smiles.

Upcoming Events



25
DEC

○ All day

MERRY CHRISTMAS



18
JAN

○ All day

WARRIORS PATH

WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 26TH, 2022

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MONTEVIDEO COMMUNITY CENTER
552 S 1ST ST, MONTEVIDEO

FREE ADMISSION • FREE GIVEAWAYS • A CHANCE TO WIN DOOR PRIZES

Sponsored by



26
JAN

○ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

For more events, check out our [Upcoming Events](#) page at www.mac-v.org.

Donor Spotlight

STINSON



Seven years ago Stinson LLP began supporting our mission with regular donations. They recently donated \$4,000 to continue serving Minnesota Veterans in need. We are grateful for their contributions - Thank you Stinson!

A huge thanks to Allianz Life Community Giving for their \$25,000 donation last month! In the two years since we began working with them Allianz has contributed more than \$85,000 to help end homelessness for Vets in Minnesota.



In addition to Essentia Health's continuous work to save lives, they donated \$7,500 to MACV in November. We appreciate Essentia's support and wish them well as they continue to help fight COVID-19. Thank you, Essentia!



Mardag Foundation

A family legacy. A partner for life.

A few weeks ago the Mardag Foundation honored us with a \$50,000 donation. Thank you for your tremendous contribution to our mission to end homelessness for Vets.

Thank You to Last Month's Donors

Annual Gifts over \$50,000

Bob Woodruff Foundation
National Guard Support Our Troops Fund
Minnesota Masonic Charities
Duluth CARES

Gifts over \$5,000

Mount Zion Lutheran Church
Twin Cities Closet Company
Merrill Lynch

Gifts over \$100

Transamerica Life Insurance Company
Gene Sandler Household
Steve Koepke Household
Sandra Korhuis Household
David Fong's Chinese Household
Greg Mansfield Household
Wayne Peterson Household
Suzanne Asher Household

Community Solutions

Gifts over \$1,000

Ramsey County Bar Foundation
Leonard K. Mikulay Foundation
Edina Realty Foundation
Delgreco Household
Mariys Thomas Household
Tee It Up for the Troops

Minnesota Pack MODD Dog Robber

Keel Household
James Schuetz Household
Amanda Yun Household
Walter White Household
Darren Maturi Household
Jane Dewenter Household
Teresa Hyde Household
Thomas Kivel Household
Stephen Lilyblad Household
Mahtomedi VFW and Legion Baseball
Ronald & Debra Schultz Household
Ron Anderson Household
CAF America
Cargill
Edward B. Magarian Household
John J. Bryant Household
Holly Bloom Household
Walter White Household



You Can Help End Veteran Homelessness

As 2021 comes to a close, MACV's Veterans just want a warm, safe place to rest their heads. You can become the bridge which connects those who served to the services they need.

Minnesota nonprofits and schools are working hard to help keep us healthy, meet basic needs, and gather around common goals, interests, and experiences. They are also addressing the long-term economic impacts of the pandemic, which puts even more Veterans at-risk of homelessness.



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