



# NEWSLETTER



## A Great Start to a New Year!

**Over \$2.2 Million Raised Over Past 5 Years!**

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO MACV!**

**\$820,178**

was raised to fight Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

MACV STANDARD HEATING & ROOFING CENTRAL PAUL MURPHY'S Livea

Our Home for the Holidays effort raised \$820,178!

The campaign was sponsored by WCCO, Standard Heating, Central Roofing, Papa Murphy's, and Livea. This incredible effort exceeded our goal by more than 70K, allowing us to help Minnesota Veterans in their time of need.

Thank you from the entire team at MACV for such a faith-inspiring start to 2022. Your generosity changes lives, and pushes us closer to accomplishing our mission. Together, we are ending Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

**In the News**

## Down But Not Out!



MACV's mission is to end homelessness for Veterans in Minnesota. Kirk Jones, U.S. Army Veteran, moved to Minnesota in search of opportunity, but after spending the last money in his pocket on a hotel, he had no choice but to try shelters. Finally, the street became his home. Kirk came close to giving up when he received a call from MACV Hotel Program Manager James McCloden. James and MACV got Kirk off the street and into transitional housing, giving Jones time to breathe, time to think, and time to heal. Read [more](#).

## On Track: Into Housing and Off the Train



Helping Veterans is what we do. People often ask how we actually find and help homeless Veterans in the Twin Cities. This news story from WCCO CBS Channel 4's Reg Chapman offers insight into our work with Mass Transit's Homeless Action Team.

Finding and getting Veterans off the street and into a hotel is priority number one. MACV then works to establish individualized care and services for each Vet. "Each Veteran is different," says MACV's James McCloden. "Each has their own path, and we discuss what that is when they come in to the program." Read [more](#).

## The "Meat Guy" Expresses Gratitude for Vets



Hunters Harvest, a nonprofit started by Rich Bohaty, ensures wild game ends up on the tables of Minnesota Veterans and their families. Thanks to donors and volunteers, Hunters Harvest, with help from MACV, donated 175 boxes of assorted meats, plus 110 hams and 75 turkeys over the course of the 2021 holiday season.

Since 1982, Bohaty has volunteered and donated to Pheasants Forever's Build a Wildlife Area land acquisition project. His dinners evolved into one of the largest giving campaigns for the organization, which honored Bohaty with a Lifetime Achievement award. Read [more](#).

## Jeff Finds His Way Home

Jeff is a Minnesota native. Raised in Duluth, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps as a Combat Engineer at 17 years of age. He grew up watching what was called the first television war – Vietnam.

Working with MACV, Jeff was able to find a home in transitional housing for Veterans in Duluth. It proved to be a solid start to a new life of possibility. The better he got, the more goodness he found in life.

Jeff moved out of transitional housing and into his own apartment during the holidays, completing his work with the MACV program. When he left transitional housing, there were tears on both sides. His support team shook his hand. Pride.



"We did good, didn't we? Now we can walk away and say we're good."

[Read Jeff's story on the MACV blog](#)

## Volunteer with MACV

Volunteering with MACV connects you with our vibrant community while contributing to the end of Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. If you want to volunteer or receive notifications of potential opportunities, click the link to update your contact information and complete a short survey to let us know more about your individual or group skills.

[Sign-Up to Volunteer](#)



## Partner Spotlight

# Thank You Starbucks!!!



*We  
love  
Coffee*



Here at MACV, there is always a fresh pot of Starbucks coffee to keep us warm and energized. Ending Veteran homelessness is a lot of work, and we need all the help we can get. Every year one of the members of our board of directors, Ellen Saboe, has a TON of coffee sent to us to help fuel our mission. Ellen is a partner at Starbucks, located at the Kent Flexible Plant, and is a member of the Starbucks Armed Forces Network. She coordinates everything, and we are grateful. Thank you to Ellen and Starbucks for keeping us going!





CLA and MACV has worked together for fifteen years. Providing critical services in business operations, accounting, and strategy. CLA adjusts its level of support as MACV changes and grows, providing much needed flexibility during MACV's tremendous growth over the past couple of years. We are grateful for CLA's technical expertise and look forward to a continued partnership. Read more [here](#).

## Cookies!



Just in time for Christmas, the Rosemount Girls Hockey team baked 12 dozen cookies for Veterans and MACV staff. Nate Martineau, MACV's Operations Manager, distributed these delicious gifts to Vets in our hotel program – ensuring the holiday spirit made its way across the state.

These girls wanted to bring Christmas cheer and give Veterans in need something from the heart. They offered their time and love, and we gladly accepted their gift. There is no doubt how well-received these cookies were amongst Minnesota's Veterans.

## Want to work with MACV?

### We Are Hiring the Following Positions

[Homeless Veterans Healthcare Navigator and Social Worker](#)

[Accounting and Finance Associate](#)

[Homeless Veteran Employment Specialist](#)

[Shallow Subsidy Senior Case Manager](#)

Click the links above to learn more about each position and apply.

## Upcoming Events

### [Job and Resource Fair](#)

Montevideo Community Center  
January 26, 2-6 p.m.

### [Soups for Troops](#)

Loose Moose Saloon  
January 29, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For more events, check out our [Upcoming Events](#) page at [www.macv.org](http://www.macv.org).



## Donor Spotlight

Eleven years and \$155,000 later, **Veterans 4 Veterans** continues to support MACV's success in our mission to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. Their end of year matching donation of \$20,000 further strengthens our capabilities. We are proud of their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Veterans in our great state. Thank you, Veterans 4 Veterans!



**Soldier's Wish** donated \$4,000 last month to help a Veteran pay for critical vehicle repairs. Gifts like this make a real and lasting difference for an individual in need – especially one with children and a job. In the five years we've been working together, Soldier's Wish has made seven contributions like this – many ranging up to \$10,000. Each donation is appreciated by MACV and our clients. Soldier's Wish: We are grateful for your gift!



**Tee it Up for the Troops St. Cloud** came into our lives in December as one of our matching donors during the Home for the Holidays campaign. Donating \$10,559 to help Minnesota Veterans get off the street and into stable housing makes this already stellar organization an immediate friend in our book. This team supports programs like ours, which deliver critical services to Veterans as they transition from military service to civilian life. Thank you, Tee It Up St. Cloud!



The **Hardenbergh Foundation** came through in December with a \$10,000 donation to support our general operations. Since COVID changed the way we live, flexibility in our grant awards has been key to our success. Contributions like Hardenbergh's ensure our continued capability as we seek to stabilize housing for Veterans in critical need. Thank you, Hardenbergh, for believing in our mission – we are grateful for your contributions!



For the last decade, the **Xcel Energy Foundation** has met our passion and mission with donations which enable our success. MACV has expanded significantly over the past couple of years, and Xcel's donation of \$5,000 allows us to continue making headway as we seek to improve the lives of Veterans in Minnesota. Thank you for your donation! We will continue to provide care and coverage across the state!



## Thank You to Last Month's Donors

### Match Donors

Bloomington American Legion  
Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans  
Tee It Up For the Troops Golden Valley  
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Chaska  
Lennar Minnesota

LJM Foundation  
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**Annual Gifts over \$50,000**

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**Gifts over \$5,000**

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**Gifts over \$1,000**

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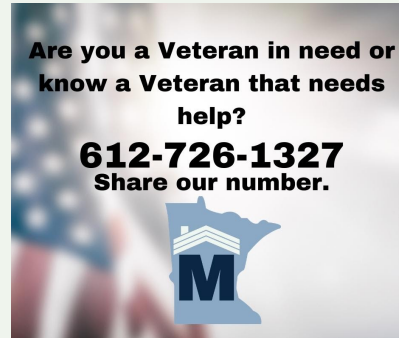
**Gifts over \$1,000 continued**

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Barbara and Dean Goldberg Household

**You Can Help End Veteran Homelessness**

Hope is on the horizon. Many of us are looking to the months ahead with hope for establishing a new normal after years of turbulence.

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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