

VET NET Newsletter  
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# VETERANS' OUTREACH



Serving our veterans in Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, West Virginia &  
New York since 1994



Platinum  
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**Candid.**

Check out our #NonprofitProfile <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/22-3272976> to see the great work we do for our community. We want to make sure you have the progress updates you need to confidently support our work with trust and confidence.

**New Corporate Office**



Wow! It was hard to believe it had been 30 incredible years since we started our journey to help veterans in need. I was 40 when this mission began, fueled by a deep desire to assist homeless veterans in any way possible. Now, at the age of 70, I reflect on the remarkable journey alongside my wife, Teri, who joined me a couple of years into this noble cause.

Funding our program services to aid veterans with rent, food, car repairs, transportation, utilities, and more has been no small feat. Our commitment to providing immediate, no-red-tape assistance has been crucial. We've responded to emergencies, including suicide prevention, after personal interviews, jumping into action to support veterans in their time of need. Our collaboration with like-minded agencies, other non-profits, county offices, and VA entities has strengthened our mission, as we continue to be a safety net for veterans seeking help.

The year 2023 marked a significant transition for our charity and myself. Early in the year, we eagerly anticipated the development of our new corporate office, housed in the former National Headquarters of Arby's Corporation. The scale of the new space, 28,000 ft<sup>2</sup> across three two-story buildings on a 2.6-acre lot, was a substantial upgrade from our previous 3,600 ft<sup>2</sup> home. As we pondered how best to utilize this expansive space to enhance veterans' lives, Teri, with her deep understanding of our operations, spearheaded the renovation of our main building.

In addition to our regular service programs, she introduced the VO Depot—a boutique thrift store selling everything from cars to baby shoes. The Depot's purpose is to help support our financial services for veterans. The process involved clearing out surplus medical billing equipment, repurposing furniture, and undertaking significant renovations, including building walls, painting, flooring, electrical work, and security system upgrades.

Amidst these developments, I faced a personal challenge—back surgery that turned into a life-threatening ordeal, followed by a second surgery and ongoing rehabilitation. Teri, taking on the challenge and duty, orchestrated everything while managing our existing offices and crucial business operations. The pain and humility of this experience have been profound, but it became a testament to our dedication to the mission.

Our mission persists and grows stronger each day. More people are recognizing our work, and we are so grateful for the support, and we hope others will consider joining us in some way. While there are many ideas for the property's future, we'll keep Liberty in suspense until they become a reality!

I had no idea that this would be my life's work, and credit for the mission's success goes to the grace of God, and then to my wonderful wife and partner, Teri. A heartfelt thank you to our Board of Directors, employees, fundraisers, volunteers, and supporters for sticking with us and contributing to the success of a very worthwhile charity that truly makes a difference.

## Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream" Speech



## Our Programs For Veterans

Over the last 30 years, we have helped veterans more than 100,000 times. Our motto is to "respectfully serve and honor all veterans".

We have developed programs that perform our mission to help veterans that include the Direct Aid Program, the Outreach Program, the Heroes' Closet Program, and the

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## Support For Our Veterans

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news of our strong start to 2024, made possible by the unwavering support of these organizations, and, of course, all of our readers, donors, and supporters. Your generosity has been instrumental in propelling Veterans' Outreach toward new heights, and we extend our deepest thanks for your continued commitment to our mission.



### Target Circle:

we're excited to report the positive outcome of our collaboration with Target Circle. Your votes and support have significantly impacted our cause, allowing us to make a tangible difference in the lives of veterans. Their recognition of our mission's importance means so much. Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey



Furnish Your Life.

### Sheely's Furniture and Appliance:

A heartfelt thank you to Sheely's Furniture and Appliance for the fantastic partnership initiated during the first quarter of 2024. The overwhelming response to the survey has set the stage for a meaningful collaboration. Their commitment to matching all donations is a testament to their dedication to the well-being of our veterans. Donations will be collected from January 1st through March 31st at Sheely's North Lima and Aurora locations, making a significant impact on our initiatives. Stay tuned for more opportunities to contribute throughout the quarter!

# Humana

### Humana's Sponsorship:

We're deeply honored to announce Humana's sponsorship. This invaluable support

ensures the continuity of our programs, allowing us to reach more veterans facing challenging times and expanding our impact on their lives.



#### TCC Gives:

Our gratitude extends to TCC Gives for their generous donation of \$2500 towards food for our Freedom Food Pantry. Their support ensures that essential resources are readily available to our veterans. We appreciate their commitment to making a positive impact in our community and are honored to have their support.



#### The Youngstown Foundation:

Last but not least, a special thank you to The Youngstown Foundation for providing grant funds to facilitate our transition to a new headquarters. The funds allocated for the flagpole, security cameras, and signage are instrumental in creating a safe and welcoming space for our veterans. We are deeply grateful for your support.

Your contributions serve as a beacon of hope for the veterans we serve, empowering us to forge ahead with renewed determination. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

## Donate Now

We thank all of you that have supported our Mission through your donations, thoughts, and prayers. You made it possible to **help tens of thousands of Veterans** with financial assistance, food, and clothing. Your pledge of support is needed to continue our mission to serve and honor all veterans. **Will you make a small monthly pledge of \$10 or more? This gift can immediately make a difference for a Veteran in need.**



**Donate Now**



You can also call 888-2-VET-NET and speak with Teri Ely to donate.

## News

### January



New Year's Day  
Jan. 1st

Epiphany (Traditional)

### Military Discounts



Jan. 6th

Martin Luther King, Jr Day  
Jan. 15th

Persian Gulf War Began  
Jan. 17th 1991

Signing of Vietnam Peace  
Accord  
Jan. 27th 1973

Panama Campaign  
Jan. 31st 1990

## Military Discount Merchants

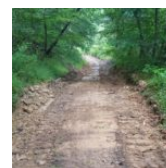
Our military members, veterans and families have given so much. There are many merchants want to show their appreciation to these dedicated Americans. This is a list of merchants offering discounts to military, veterans and their families.

[Read About The Merchants→](#)

## Heroes' Passage In Kentucky

Veterans' Outreach was donated 110 acres of Kentucky wilderness. Plans are underway for the development of Heroes' Passage, a veteran retreat with a healing environment for veterans that are having problems with transitioning to civilian life.

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